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## AROUND TOWN



### NAIA track back for championship and community care Outdoor National Championships May 23-25 in Gulf Shores

Character should be at the forefront for any athlete or team, and it is the central thread for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as an estimated 1,200 student-athletes head to Gulf Shores, Ala. for the Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships May 23-25, 2019. The Champions of Character program® is what makes NAIA stand out, impacting each of its host cities by changing the culture of sport.

Student-athletes representing schools from all over the country will continue a project from 2018 in partnership with Feeding the Gulf Coast's Backpack Program, donating 1,128 pounds – or 950 meals – to local children.

"The Champions of Character® and Teaming Up for Character Event™ are what set apart NAIA championships from others," said Katie Green, manager of athletics communications and media for NAIA. "The student-athletes always look forward to it. Last year I got to see the student-athletes pack all of the food that was brought and you could see the pure joy on their faces because they knew they were making a difference in the community."

Locals are invited to partner with the NAIA during this Teaming Up for Character Event™. Through Feeding the Gulf Coast's Backpack Program, donated food items will be distributed to local children whom teachers and counselors have identified as struggling with chronic hunger and in need of food to get through a weekend. These food items are discretely placed in students' backpacks, with each student getting enough food for six meals and two snacks.

Requested items include pop-top meals such as beef ravioli and soups; single-serve microwavable macaroni and cheese; snack items such as pudding cups, applesauce and fruit snacks; and breakfast items such as single-serve oatmeal and granola bars. Student-athletes will accept and sort donations Wednesday, May 22 at the Gulf Shores Welcome Center (3459 Gulf Shores Parkway) from 9-10 a.m.

The championships will be held at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex (19025 Oak Road). Day passes are \$10 and tournament passes are \$25. In 2018, the event generated \$3.44 million in economic impact, and the contract for the NAIA outdoor track championships has been extended through 2021.

To learn more about donating to the backpack program, contact Taylor Smith at 251-974-4613 or TSmith@GulfShores.com. Visit NAIA.org for more on the NAIA.

### Coast Guard Auxiliary hosts

#### June 1 safe boating course

The Alabama South Coast flotilla of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a safe boating class Saturday, June 1, at the Orange Beach Community Center. Successful completion of this course meets the educational requirement needed to obtain a boating license in Alabama and other states. Course content includes safe and practical boating procedures, trailer and ramp safety, safety equipment, boating laws, navigation rules, chart reading and basic navigation, docking techniques, line handling, and fun with knots.

The minimum age for enrollment is 12 years. The course will be from 8 AM to 5 PM. The fee is \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a couple sharing a course book. Course book, instructional materials, lunch and re-

freshments provided. Register at malinmo@yahoo.com or call (251) 284-1461. Information is also available at cgaux.org under Take a Boating Safety Class. Classes are also scheduled on June 29, August 3, and October 19.

### OBPD to host Meet & Mingle

#### June 13 at Supreme Lending

Police Chief Joe Fierro and the Orange Beach Police Department invite the public to meet and mingle with officers at "Lending and Law Enforcement in Paradise" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 13 at Supreme Lending in Orange Beach.

Light hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided by Supreme Lending, which is located at 25910 Canal Road.



### June 8 Swanky Ball benefits Gulf Coast Youth-Reach Flora-Bama & Mystical Order of Aurora hosting fundraiser at The Port at The Wharf

The Swanky Ball benefiting the Gulf Coast Youth-Reach Foundation will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at The Port at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Tickets for the fundraiser, which features music from The Tip Tops, are \$60 per person and include an all inclusive premium bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Reserved tables of 10 are available for \$800 per table. Dress is Creative Black Tie, and tickets are available at eventbrite or by calling Eva Keese at 251-979-4278 or emailing evakeese@gmail.com.

A live auction at the event will also benefit Youth-Reach Gulf Coast, which operates a full-service, Christ-centered residential program for troubled, at-risk and delinquent young men between the ages of 18 and 21 on an 81-acre campus in rural Summerdale.

The program is designed to remold the values and turn around the lives of at-risk young men, ages 18-22. The program was founded in 1984 by current Executive Director Curt Williams, who describes Youth-Reach as, "A hospital for today's damaged and discarded youth."

Set in the structure of a balanced family and home life, Youth-Reach concentrates on developing character, responsibility and a strong work ethic. Facilitated by experienced, trained and respected counselors, Youth-Reach is a long-term program intended to heal past wounds and restore families.

Residents and their families are never charged for the services offered and since change doesn't occur automatically within a prescribed period of time, there are no limits on how long a resident can stay in the program.

From a Biblical perspective, the staff addresses the central issues that lead today's youth to harmful actions such as drug addiction, promiscuity, rage and violence. Underneath rebellion and defiance is a need for healing, security, acceptance and discipline. The program is designed to remold values, turn around lives, and lead these guys to a transformational relationship with Jesus.

Pictured: Big fun at 2017 Ball.





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## AROUND TOWN

### Alan Samry named new Fairhope Museum Director

Fairhope has hired Alan Samry, who has worked at the Fairhope Public Library since 2007, as director of the Fairhope Museum of History. He previously served the museum as a volunteer and board member. He also has experience working with the Baldwin County Department of Archives and History.

"I loved being the go-to person at the library for Fairhope history," Samry said. "Moving across Bancroft Street to the museum is a natural progression and a new challenge. It's a whole new collection to learn, but a great opportunity to serve the community of Fairhope."

Samry attained a degree in history from South Alabama, a Master's of Fine Art in Creative Writing at Spalding University and a Master of Library and Information Studies from Alabama. In addition, he has performed extensive research and writing on Clay City Tile, the Fairhope librarians and historical analysis on several buildings.

The author of "Stump the Librarian: A writer's book of legs," Samry is interested in promoting the literary history of Fairhope. "I'm so excited to share the Fairhope stories I've discovered," said Samry. "I know many of the docents at the museum and they love sharing Fairhope's history as much as I do."

### Singers can be part of Perdido Ecumenical Choir Patriotic Concert

Rehearsals are set to begin for Perdido Ecumenical Choir's annual Patriotic Concert. All vocalists are invited to join the Perdido Ecumenical Choir as they prepare for the 3rd Annual Patriotic Concert on Sunday, July 7 at 3 p.m. This year's selections include some popular and much-loved songs.

The concert choir-level music will be taught and rehearsed each Monday from 6-8 p.m. Rehearsals and the performance will take place in the sanctuary at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, located at 10650 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola. Music cost is \$20 per person. For more information or with questions, email Director Kathy Johansen at [kjohansen@shcs.ptdiocese.org](mailto:kjohansen@shcs.ptdiocese.org) or call 850-748-5336.



### Kaleidoscope Summer Fine Arts Camp June 24-28 at First Presbyterian

National and regional teachers, musicians, visual artists and dancers will all come together to create another unique and fun experience at this year's Kaleidoscope Summer Fine Arts Camp on June 24 - June 28. Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance and the First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores, the camp is designed to not only showcase the talents of performing and exhibiting artists, but also to share the journeys which led to their careers in the fine arts arena. Students are able to select class preference for hands-on workshops, while all will enjoy several live professional performances throughout the week, featuring pianist Kayla Dowling, UA SummerTide Theatre cast, storyteller Elizabeth Vander Kamp, violinist Kedra Kinney and more!

Daily hands-on classes, taught by professional artists and instructors, will include a choice of several Visual Art, Dance, Writing, Music and Drama/Theater classes. To register for the camp online, visit [gulfcoastartsalliance.com](http://gulfcoastartsalliance.com), stop by the GCAA Gallery on E. 24th Ave. in Gulf Shores (across from Acme Oyster House), or the First Presbyterian Church on E. 21st Ave. Tuition for the entire week is \$115 per student (\$100 additional siblings); both partial and full scholarships are available. Call 251-978-8130 for more and/or scholarship information.

Pictured: National Storyteller Elizabeth Vander Kamp captivates her audience at last year's Summer Fine Arts Camp.



### Perdido Bay Power Squadron offering free vessel safety checks at Lillian Boat Ramp

The Perdido Bay Power Squadron performs free vessel safety checks at the Lillian boat ramp each spring. Plus, certified inspectors from the squadron are happy to go to other places, even to neighborhoods with several boat owners. Boats are inspected on land. There is no penalty for not passing a vessel safety check. However, those who pass receive a decal to put on their boat, and that alerts law enforcement that the boat meets state-required safety standards. It also indicates that the owner cares about boating safety and is probably familiar with the rules of the road. More info: 601-291-0987.

## 13th High Hopes 4 Autism "FUNraiser" June 1-2

The draw down board is up and tickets are ready for the 13th Annual Autism FUNraiser at Pirates Cove in Josephine.

### Music Schedule

Friday, May 31  
7 p.m. - Ja Rythem  
Saturday, June 1  
11 a.m. - T-Bone Montgomery Trio  
3 p.m. - Joe Taylor & Them Again  
7 p.m. - East L.A. Fade-Away  
Sunday, June 2  
11 a.m. - Kelly Poole & Swing Set  
3 p.m. - Elvis & The Promise Land

Two supporters will drive away in brand new Jeep Wranglers during the "FUNraiser" scheduled May 31-June 2, as organizers are selling opportunities to win two 2019 Jeep

Wranglers. Separate drawdowns start at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

Jeep tickets are \$100 each and are available at Pirates Cove and online at [HighHopes4Autism.org](http://HighHopes4Autism.org). Only 500 raffle tickets per jeep will be sold. Tickets to the event are \$10 per day, which is included in the price of a jeep raffle ticket.

High Hopes is the local nonprofit specializing in language development and social behavior therapy for school-age children.

The FUNraiser features three days of food and fun, a silent action and live music from an eclectic assortment of talented bands and musicians. The highlights of the weekend are the drawdowns for the 2019 Jeeps, provided by Gulf Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Foley.

For more information, to buy drawdown tickets or to volunteer to help with the fundraiser, go to [highhopes4autism.org](http://highhopes4autism.org) or call (251) 986-7007.

High Hopes 4 Autism was founded in 2009 and is located on the campus of Saint Benedict Catholic School in Elberta. The organization serves preschool age children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder, specializing in language development and social behavior necessary for integration in a traditional classroom environment.

The fundraiser annual raises around \$60,000 for the non-profit, and, like the school itself, has continued to expand since 2009.

"So many people look forward to this event each year, and we couldn't be more pleased with the community support," said Rachael Mueller, director of High Hopes 4 Autism.

"Not only is it a fun beach weekend, but it is our center's only fundraising source throughout the year. Our supporters really get behind it."



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## AROUND TOWN



### Uniformed interpreters at Ft. Morgan for May 25 tribute

Uniformed interpreters will bring Fort Morgan to life through demonstration of period drills on the fort's parade ground as well as artillery demonstration at the water battery during the Memorial Day Ft. Morgan Tribute on May 25 from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m.

Special talks given by the site historians will provide insight into the events that transpired. Guides will discuss topics about which little has been written about in books. Explore the military history of Mobile Point from the War of 1812, Civil War, WWI, and WWII. The living history staff will remember those who gave their lives in service at Fort Morgan. A wreath laying ceremony is planned for the Tecumseh.

The fort is located at 110 Hwy. 180 (Ft. Morgan Rd.) in Gulf Shores. Fort admission: Adults \$7, students & seniors (65+) \$5, Children (ages 6-12) \$4. Info: 251-540-7127 or [fort-morgan.org](http://fort-morgan.org).



## SummerTide Rides into Gulf Shores on heavenly harmonies

### Alabama Theatre Dept. presents Forever Plaid at SBCT June 1-28

SummerTide, The University of Alabama's professional summer theatre, returns to Gulf Shores for its sixteenth season with a production of *Forever Plaid*, which will run May 31 and June 1-28 at South Baldwin Theater. Shows are Tuesday thru Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at [summertide.org](http://summertide.org), or by calling the the Summertime Tuscaloosa Box Office until May 21 at 205-348-3400. Call the Gulf Shores Box Office after May 21 at 251-968-6721 for ticket info.

SummerTide tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. A special rate of \$15 per ticket is available for groups of 10 or more. Beginning May 31, the Gulf Shores Box Office will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 2-8 p.m., and Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

After celebrating its fifteenth anniversary last year with the sold-out Pump Boys and Dinettes, SummerTide will present *Forever Plaid*. The production will be led by veteran SummerTide Director, Stacy Alley. In past years, she has brought *Ring of Fire*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, and *Smoke on the Mountain* to the beach.

*Forever Plaid* is clean-cut fun for all ages. Anyone who's watched the Ed Sullivan Show or danced at a prom to a song by The Four Aces will adore this show, as will younger audience members who may be introduced to this era and music for the first time.

Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie have devoted themselves to their vocal quartet, "Forever Plaid." As luck would have it, they're broadsided and killed instantly on the way to their first big gig. Now, they're allowed to come back and perform the show they never had in life. This deliciously fun revue - featuring pop hits from the 1950s - opened in New York in 1989 and has since been produced worldwide.

"The intimacy of the theatre in the George C. Meyer Performing Arts Center provides the perfect setting for the show," Alley said.

The University of Alabama Department of Theatre and Dance (UA Theatre and Dance) became a unified department in 1979. For the past 38 years, UA Theatre and Dance has produced student and faculty-directed, performed and designed work. UA Theatre and Dance cultivates the

next generation of performing arts professionals through comprehensive degree programs. For more information, visit [theatre.ua.edu](http://theatre.ua.edu).

### First SummerTide drama camps starts June 4

SummerTide Theatre Camp returns to Gulf Shores for its annual three-week session! Campers work with the University of Alabama's SummerTide Theatre group, and crew to learn elements of theatre such as story theatre, dance and music. There are no age restrictions for any of the camps, however, campers must be able to read and take direction. All camps run Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. until noon. The first week of camp, June 4-8, is geared toward beginners and focuses on basic elements of theatre such as story theatre, dance and music.

The second week of camp, June 11-15, is for intermediate-level campers and will focus on monologues, simple scene work, improvisation and dance and music. No age restrictions, however all campers must be able to read.

The third week of camp, June 18-22, is for advanced students and includes work in comedy, scene work, creative writing, dance and music. No age restrictions, however all campers must be able to read.

Campers work with the SummerTide cast and crew to learn elements of theatre such as story theatre, dance and music. There are no age restrictions for any of the camps, however, campers must be able to read and take direction.

To pre-register your child for the theatre camp, visit the South Baldwin Community Theatre website ([sbct.org](http://sbct.org)) or [summertide.org/theatre-camp](http://summertide.org/theatre-camp). On-site registration will also be available, based on availability, beginning at 8 a.m. on the Tuesday session of each week's camp. For questions, messages may be left for the SBCT staff at (251) 968-6721.

### Forever Plaid Director Stacy Alley

Forever Plaid director Stacy Alley is the Director of the Musical Theatre program and an associate professor at UA. Her recent credits include work in Norway, Scotland, Chile, and at Forestburgh Playhouse. Recent UA credits include *A Chorus Line*, *Young Frankenstein*, *42nd Street*, *Urinetown*, and *Chicago*. Stacy has been performing professionally for over thirty years, including five years as a featured dancer in Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular.



She is a member of the Southeastern Theatre Conference, the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, the Alabama Conference of Theatre, and is Vice President of the Musical Theatre Educators Alliance International. She holds an MFA in Acting from the University of Alabama, a BA in Theatre from Southern Cal, and is a Certified Movement Analyst through The Laban - Barteneff Institute of Movement Studies in NYC.







## AROUND TOWN



### Orange Beach Elementary earns 2018 Safe Schools Award O.B. among only 10 schools in state that earned the recognition

Orange Beach Elementary Principal Ryan Moss, second from left, holds the Attorney General's Alabama Safe Schools Initiative 2018 Award of Excellence with from left Baldwin County School Board member Norma Hoots Lynch, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, Baldwin County Schools Superintendent Eddie Tyler, and Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon.

**"Anyone involved with our schools can sleep soundly at night knowing the students will be safe."**

In the Orange Beach Elementary School auditorium full of students, school faculty, Baldwin County school administrators, city officials, police and fire personnel on Wednesday, May 15, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall commended everyone in attendance for helping Orange Beach Elementary achieve the 2018 Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Award of Excellence. Orange Beach Elementary has earned the award every year since the Alabama Attorney General's Office reinstated the program in 2013, except 2017.

"We're here to acknowledge how this school is one of the best of the best in the state as it relates to school safety," Marshall said after being introduced by OBES Principal Ryan Moss.

Orange Beach Elementary is among only 10 schools in the state that earned the recognition.

"Every year we accept applications from schools all over the state," Marshall said. "This year we had the highest number of schools that sought this award. Your (safety) plan was judged by a panel of experts in the state, from law enforcement, from public safety, from school administration, from those who understand what it means to keep schools and young people safe. And they decided that this place is one of the best in the state. Part of the reason why is because you have one of the most comprehensive plans around."

The Orange Beach City Council's investment in security at Orange Beach Elementary School began after the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut in December of 2012. Since then the city has funded panic buttons to all school personnel, a full-time officer dedicated to the school, improvements to the camera surveillance system, and other upgraded facility safety features.

"The importance of school security can never be understated," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "Our children will be safe in Orange Beach. All parents and anyone involved with our schools can sleep soundly at night knowing the students will be safe. It's an honor to have Attorney General Marshall back in town for this recognition."

### 3rd Paradise Island 5K

May 26 in Orange Beach

The 3rd Annual Paradise Island 5K will be held on Sunday, May 26 at 7 a.m. at the SportsPlex (4385 William Silvers Pkwy.) in Orange Beach. The 5K certified course is on the paved nature trail with no motorized traffic and takes you through multiple trails along the Backcountry Trail. Hawaiian leis for all finishers and custom age group award medals. Packet pick-up will be Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at Ginny Lane Bar & Grill at The Wharf in Orange Beach and race day at The Orange Beach Sportsplex from 6-7

### GCAC Golf Tourney

June 7 at Craft Farms

The Gulf Coast Athletic Club will host the 17th Annual GCAC Golf Tournament on Friday, June 7 at Craft Farms Golf Resort. Registration is at 8 a.m., with a 9 a.m. shotgun start for a 4-person scramble event. Play will be followed by a buffet lunch, performance awards and door prizes. The event also includes a \$10,000 hole in one contest and ball-in-a-boat & putting contests.

Entrance fee is \$100 for GCAC members and \$120 for non-members. The fee includes lunch, Arnold Palmer golf, prizes and a social celebration following golf. Players can enter as teams or individuals. Again this year, the tournament will have a separate flight for ladies' team competition. Proceeds from the tournament help support athletics at Gulf Shores High School.

GCAC is seeking donations for sponsors, t-shirts and prizes. Tee marker sponsorships are \$100 and prizes can vary from golf equipment to restaurant dining certificates to condo vacation stays. For sponsorship or participation info, contact John Ward at 831-238-0806 or Fred Dickinson at 251-228-0530 or email [fdickinson@gulfnet.com](mailto:fdickinson@gulfnet.com). Info is also available at [gathleticclub.com](http://gathleticclub.com).

The GCAC is a South Baldwin organization whose members enjoy fun and fellowship related to all types of sports activities at their meetings. The club supports Gulf Shores School System athletic programs by providing much needed athletic equipment and funding for scholarships for senior male/female student athletes. GCAC has donated well over \$50,000 for scholarships and equipment to Gulf Shores School System.

### Bill Hargreaves Fishing Tourney

Father's Day Weekend at GLYC

The Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, located at 10653 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola, will host the 49th Annual Hargreaves Fishing Tournament on Father's Day weekend, June 13-16, with a captains' meeting schedule Thursday, fishing on Friday and Saturday and the awards ceremony on Father's Day. This fishing rodeo is for all ages, and cash prizes are awarded. The event benefits the local Ronald McDonald House. Tickets can be purchased online at [billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com](http://billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com). For more info, call 850-607-7569 or email [office@grandlagoon-yachtclub.com](mailto:office@grandlagoon-yachtclub.com).

Adult registration is \$40, and children 12 and under can fish for free. Tickets can be purchased at [billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com](http://billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com) or at the following outlets: Goin' Fishin' Bait & Tackle, Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, Gray's Tackle & Guide Service, Outcast Tackle & Marine and Gulf Breeze Bait & Tackle. The captains' meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club. Rules will be reviewed and hamburgers and hot dogs served.

The rodeo starts at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, with the scales open from 5-8 p.m. that evening. The daily drawing for largest fish caught that day (\$50) will be a 8:30 p.m. The scales are open from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, with another 8:30 p.m. drawing for largest fish caught that day (\$50).

On Sunday - Father's Day, a fish fry will be held from noon 'til 1:30 p.m., with the awards ceremony set to begin at 2 p.m. Awards will be presented in categories that include King & Queen

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## AROUND TOWN



### LuLuPalooza May 25 at LuLu's at Homeport

Holt, Collins, Simpson, Lumpkin & Gypsy Spark, Kulinich will play

Music acts Lefty Collins, Phil & Foster, Adam Holt (pictured), Albert Simpson & John Kulinich, and Jimmy Lumpkin & Gypsy Spark will play LuLuPalooza 2019, part of the year long 20th anniversary celebration at LuLu's at Homeport Marina in Gulf Shores. The annual off the summer at Lucy Buffet's restaurant starts at 5 p.m. on Memorial Weekend Saturday, May 25 on and around the LuLu's outside boat stage.

LuLu's is located at the foot of the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge on the northside of Hwy. 59, next to Homeport Marina. For more event info, visit [lulubuffett.com](http://lulubuffett.com) or call 251-967-5858.

Pictured: If Muddy Waters and Tom Petty had a baby, they'd name the baby Adam Holt. And with an array of Gibson guitars, an old Ampex tape machine, and an unassuming group of musicians out of Mobile in his toolset, Alabama singer-songwriter Adam Holt is a gutsy amalgamation of his deeply sown roots in the blues, classic country, and rock n' roll of decades ago.



### Miss Flora-Bama Bikini Contest May 26

The Flora-Bama's Miss Memorial Day Bikini Contest will be held on Sunday, May 26 at 3 p.m. in the big tent at the famed Lounge on the line, with the winning women earning cash awards and a spot in the finals on Labor Day Weekend along with the top contestants in the Miss Mullet Toss and Miss Fourth of July contests.

Lauded as America's Last Great Roadhouse, The Flora-Bama takes its name from its location on Gulf of Mexico at the Florida-Alabama state line.

### Pepsi Beach Ball Drop May 24 at The Wharf

Over 5,000 beach balls fall from the sky during the The 6th Annual Pepsi Beach Ball Drop at The Wharf in Orange Beach on Friday, May 24 from 5-9 p.m. Beach balls will release at 6:25 p.m. and fireworks take place at 8:45 p.m. Admission is free.

There will be dozens of family-friendly activities on site, ranging from a surf simulator, bouncy house, toxic battle jousting zone (inflatable battle zone), trampoline jumpee, bubble zone, face painting and a loving Kangaroo to pet! During the drop, there will be a special designated kiddo area to safely grab beach balls. Check your beach ball for a letter and you may be a lucky winner of select prizes.

### First Friday fish-fry at Foley Methodist

Foley United Methodist will host its First Friday Fish-Fry on June 7 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Church Spirit Center (915 N. Pine St.). The fundraiser is held the first Friday of every month. Enjoy delicious white fish filets fried to golden perfection, accompanied by cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, dessert, and a drink all for a donation of \$8. Patrons can even get orders to-go! No reservation necessary. For more info, call 251-943-4393 or visit [foleyumc.org](http://foleyumc.org).

### Corn Fest & Car Show is June 15 in Foley

The 3rd Annual Corn Festival & Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. on June 15 at the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market (20733 Mifflin Rd.) in Foley. The fest will feature a classic car show, crafts for kids, and a corn eating contest. Admission is free. More info: 251-703-4469 or [coastalalabamamarket.com](http://coastalalabamamarket.com).



### World Oceans Day event June 7 on Perdido Key

Discovery Depot, kites, sand sculptures, children's art part of the family fun

A World Oceans Day event will be held on Perdido Key from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, June 7 at the West Use Area of Perdido Key State Park. It will be an entertaining and educational day at the beach for all ages, and admission is free!

Attractions include the Discovery Depot interactive touch tank and other exhibits from the Navarre Beach Marine Science Station, such as on reefs, lionfish awareness, and marine debris - qualified educators will help interest children in learning more about science and the environment.

Florida State Park/Americorps personnel will address sea turtle nesting, beach mice and exotic plants while Audubon representatives will provide information on shore birds.

A likely visit will be made by Monty - a rescued screech owl under the care of the Northwest Florida Wildlife Sanctuary. The Emerald Coast Kite Flyers Club and sand sculpture artist David Robertson will also participate, and Robertson will instruct young people on sand sculpture and help with a sand sculpture contest.

New this year will be ocean-related art on display from students at Helen Caro Elementary School. This event is sponsored by the Perdido Key Assn., The Friends of Pensacola State Parks, Florida State Parks, Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce, Perdido Key Rotary Club and Visit Pensacola. World Oceans Day has been celebrated worldwide since 1992 to draw attention to the benefits and wonders of the oceans, but also to the threats to ocean health from plastic waste, industry and agriculture pollution, overfishing and other human activities.

Pictured: Past fun at Perdido Key's World Oceans Day event.





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## AROUND TOWN



*Krewe De Isle & Big Beach Brewing host June 1 Puppies & Pints Yoga on the lawn at 10 a.m.; Roman Street & Bitter End Band play*

*Krewe De Isle and Big Beach Brewing Company have joined forces to host Puppies and Pints, an event scheduled on Saturday, June 1 at Big Beach Brewing Company, located at 300 East 24th Avenue in Gulf Shores. The festivities will kick off at 10 a.m. with yoga on the lawn hosted by Glow Yoga. The party will feature live music by The Bitter End Band and Roman Street.*

*Also on hand will be Sweetpeas Posh Pets and Third Coast Animal Rescue. There will be puppies available for adoption and all proceeds will go to benefit Third Coast Animal Rescue. Please come out and show your support for a great cause and maybe even give a puppy a forever home.*

*Third Coast Animal Rescue is based in the Mobile Bay area and serving the greater Gulf Coast areas of the Florida panhandle, Alabama and Mississippi. The non-profit is dedicated to rescuing homeless, abandoned, neglected and at-risk dogs and re-homing them permanently. Its dogs primarily come from high-kill shelters in Mobile, Baldwin, and Escambia counties.*

*Pictured: Adoptable dog from Third Coast Animal Rescue.*



## Denim & Diamonds

*June 14 in Foley*

*Denim & Diamonds, a Benefit for Alzheimer's Awareness, will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center, located at 407 E Laurel Ave.*

*Presented by The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge, the annual event will feature live music by Voodoo Gumbo, food by Fresh Eye Event Planning, a cash bar & live auction. This casual affair has helped raise over \$20,000 for the Alabama Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets are available through EventBrite and will also be available at the door for \$25 per person. For more info, call 251-971-2782.*

## Baldwin EMC Blood Drive

*May 30 in Summerdale*

*Spring into action and give, during Baldwin EMC's blood drive on Thursday, May 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Baldwin EMC Training Center at the cooperative's headquarters, located at 19600 State Highway 59 in Summerdale.*

*LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will be onsite to accept blood donations. The pints they receive will benefit local medical centers, including Thomas Hospital, North Baldwin Infirmary, USA Children's & Women's Hospital and Mobile Infirmary, among many others in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.*

*Each pint of blood has the potential to save as many as three lives, including accident victims, those fighting chronic illnesses and patients recovering from surgery.*

*Everyone at least 17 years old, 110 pounds and in generally good health is invited to donate blood. All blood types are needed, and first-time donors are welcome. All blood donors will be entered to win two grand prize drawings at the end of the day: a \$100 Visa gift card and an electric grill.*

*For more information about the Spring Into Action drive, call (251) 989-6247 or visit [baldwinemc.com](http://baldwinemc.com).*

## Fall youth sports registration

*continues through July in G.S.*

*The Gulf Shores Recreation Department will hold registration for youth football, soccer and cheerleading throughout May, June and July. Youth football is open to ages 7-12. Cheerleading is open to children ages 6-12. Youth soccer is open to ages 4-14. The age control date for all sports is August 1, 2019.*

*Registration fees for all fall leagues are \$70 for Fitness and Recreation Center members, \$80 for non-members and \$90 for non-members and non-residents. There is a \$10 discount if you register your child by June 30. Players may register at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center, the Cultural Center or online at [www.gulfshoresal.gov/recreationregistration](http://www.gulfshoresal.gov/recreationregistration). All players must present a copy of their birth certificate.*

*For more information about youth sports, contact the Gulf Shores Recreation Department at 251-968-1421 or visit [gulfshoresal.gov/sports](http://gulfshoresal.gov/sports).*

## Gulf Shores Camp Inside Out

*slated June 17-21 at Bodenhamer*

*The City of Gulf Shores is excited to host Camp Inside Out on June 17-21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center. Camp Inside Out is open to children ages 9 to 12 years old.*

*The overall goal of the camp is to teach children to build healthy minds and bodies from the "Inside Out." Children will be encouraged to get off the couch and get active with daily exercise and fun outdoor games and activities. The camp will consist of field trips to local parks and playgrounds, geocaching, hiking, sports, crafts, swimming and much more.*

*"We are excited to host Camp Inside Out for the children in our area," Nicole Ard, Recreation Manager, said. "This will give us an opportunity to teach and encourage them to eat healthy and build strong bodies, all while boosting their self-esteem. It will also give the children an opportunity to discover new hobbies and interests to keep them living an active, healthy lifestyle."*

*The cost to attend Camp Inside Out is \$100. Children may register at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center, Cultural Center or online at [gulfshoresal.gov](http://gulfshoresal.gov) or call 251-968-9824.*

## Boating Knowledge & Safety Class

*June 29 at Lillian Recreation Park*

*The Perdido Bay Power Squadron is offering its Boating Knowledge and Safety Class on Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lillian Recreation Park, located at 33914 Widell Avenue in Lillian.*

*Classes are limited to 16 students. Minimum age is 12, and an adult must accompany anyone under 16. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.*

*Successful completion of the course meets the basic boating knowledge requirements of most states and territories. Education on Alabama boating law is included in the course and comprehension assessed as part of the course final examination.*

*Purchasing and reviewing the student manual prior to the class is recommended. Register and buy the student manual at Blue Water Ship's Store in Foley. Materials may also be obtained on class day at the Lillian Recreation Park. Make checks out to Perdido Bay Power Squadron. For additional information, call Richard Carson at (251) 980-1536.*

*Certified instructors from the Perdido Bay Power Squadron provide instruction as a courtesy to advance recreational boating knowledge. The course includes information on getting started, what is needed, required and recommended safety equipment, boating rules to live by, navigation chart overview, and related topics.*





# Orange Beach Police hold Remember the Fallen observance

Dozens of officers and members of the community gathered at the Orange Beach Police Department on Friday, May 10th to honor officers and employees from the department who passed away while in service to the public.

The observance was held as part of National Police Week, which honors the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement officers.

Orange Beach officers and employees who were remembered and given moments of silence included:

- Cpl. Glenn Lewellen - investigations - served OBPD 1999 to 2011
- Lt. Joe Constantino - served OBPD 1996 to 2015
- Sgt. Travis Coleman - served OBPD 2004 to 2017
- Cpl. Michael D. Stockwell, served OBPD from 2004 to end of watch Sept. 17, 2013
- Animal Control Officer John Bonifay - served OBPD 2010 to 2017

All of the officers' deaths were health/medical related except for Cpl. Stockwell who was killed in a two-car crash on the Foley Beach Express on his way home from work on Sept. 17, 2013.

"Keep our heroes in your prayers every day," Councilman Jerry Johnson

said during the ceremony on Friday.

"We will always have your back."

Asst. Chief Steve Brown read the names of each fallen officer followed by a time of silent reflection on each public servant.

Chief Joe Fierro said it's important to remember the sacrifices made by past officers and also the privilege all current officers share in serving the city.

"It is vitally important that we honor the legacy left to us through our character, every act of integrity, compassion, courage and sacrifice," Chief Fierro said. "Edmond Burke is quoted as saying, 'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.' Continue to serve with professionalism, integrity and respect to honor the legacy of our fallen and all fallen officers. And, most importantly, in doing so we leave a legacy for those who follow us. I thank every officer."

"I thank our employees, families, friends for their continual sacrifice and the ultimate sacrifice those remembered today made while in service to our fine city. My thanks to our community, our council, ... and our mayor for their continued support. God bless all of you."

# O.B. Full Moon Paddle slated June 16

The City of Orange Beach - Relay for Life Team will host its popular full moon paddles on Sunday, June 16 (with food from Southern Grind) and Sunday, July 14 (with food from Cosmo's Restaurant). Registration is \$25 per person for what has become the number one fundraising effort for the Orange Beach Team.

The events are held at the Wind & Water Learning Center at 26267 Canal Road, behind the Orange Beach Public Library. A catered dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. and area musi-

cians donate their time to entertain. After enjoying the food, entertainment and meeting new friends, everyone heads out onto the water from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Everyone must be pre-registered. On-line registration will be available at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) or pick one up at any city recreation facility in Orange Beach. Participants must bring their own kayak or canoe, personal flotation device (PFD) and white light. Paddling experience is necessary for this fundraiser as 3 to 5 miles will be covered on Wolf Bay. For more information, call 251-981-1524 or [jfritz@orangebeachal.gov](mailto:jfritz@orangebeachal.gov).

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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads, "Talking Dog for Sale."  
Intrigued, he walks in. "So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog.  
"I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescu-

ing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."  
The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"  
The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

Why didn't the frog sit on the toadstool?  
Because there wasn't mushroom.

"If you had one dollar and you asked your father for another, how many dollars would you have?"  
"One dollar."  
"You don't know your arithmetic."  
"You don't know my father!"

A man goes into a dentist's office.  
Man: "Excuse me, can you help me? I think I'm a moth."  
Dentist: "You don't need a dentist. You need a psychiatrist."  
Man: "Yes, I know."  
Dentist: "So, why did you come in here?"  
Man: "The light was on."

A farmer was milking his cow. He was just starting to get a good rhythm going when a bug flew into the barn and started circling his head.  
Suddenly, the bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it until the bug squirted out into his bucket.  
It went in one ear and out the udder.

The golfer sliced a ball into a field of chickens, striking one of the hens and killing it instantly. He was understandably upset, and sought out the farmer.  
"I'm sorry," he said, "my terrible tee-shot hit one of your hens and killed it. Can I replace the hen?"  
"I don't know about that," replied the farmer, mulling it over. "How many eggs a day do you lay?"

Judge: Is there any reason you could not serve as a juror in this case?  
Juror: I don't want to be away from my job that long.  
Judge: Can't they do without you at work?  
Juror: Yes, but I don't want them to know it.  
Teacher: "When I was of your

age, I learned very quickly and was not as slow as you are."  
Student: "Wow, you must have had a good teacher then, didn't you?"  
I saw a police officer dressed as a pilot today and thought it was weird. Then I realized he must be one of those "plane clothes cops."

A balding man went into a barber's shop and asked how much it would be for a haircut.  
"Twenty dollars," said the barber.  
"Twenty dollars, that's crazy!" exclaimed the man. "I've hardly got any hair. How can it be that expensive?"  
The barber explained, "It's \$5 for the actual cut and \$15 for the search fee."

"What kind of pie do you call this?" one student indignantly asked the server in the school caf.  
"What's it taste like?" asked the cook.  
"Glue!"  
"Then it's apple pie. The plum pie tastes like soap."  
More silly stuff to ponder...  
• Did Roman paramedics refer

to IV's as "4's"?  
• Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have an "S" in it?  
• What do little birdies see, when they get knocked unconscious?  
• If a mute swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?  
• If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?  
• Instead of talking to your plants, if you yelled at them would they still grow, only to be troubled and insecure?  
• What's another word for synonym?  
• Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?  
• When sign makers go on strike, is anything written on their signs?  
• When you open a bag of cotton balls, is the top one meant to be thrown away?  
• Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?  
• Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?  
• Why do they report power out-



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# Gulf Shores highlights economic development from 2018

During a recent Gulf Shores council work session, Economic Development Coordinator Blake Phelps gave an update on several projects that came on line in 2018 or are expected to be completed this year.

His report, which is also available online at [gulfshore-sal.gov](http://gulfshore-sal.gov), also had charts and graphs focusing on population and housing starts in Gulf Shores and around Baldwin County as well as on top employers, commercial developments, growth in revenues and the growth in the Waterway Village District. Below are some of the highlights.

## The Lodge

The Lodge at Gulf State Park, A Hilton Hotel, is an iconic hotel found on Alabama's Gulf Coast. Originally established in 1974, it served as a hub of community activity and premier tourism destination for 30 years before being irreparably damaged by Hurricane Ivan. The Lodge has been newly rebuilt to continue those traditions by celebrating its unique location in Gulf State Park. This new facility is a model of resilient, environmentally-friendly coastal development with a focus on sustainability. With direct access to the beaches and natural beauty of Gulf State Park's 6,150 acres, it also offers 350 guestrooms and suites, 5 innovative dining options and over 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space.

The Lodge at Gulf State Park is the first full-service hotel to open in the area in 20 years. It is a premier meetings and events destination, offering an array of indoor and outdoor event space, perfect for conferences, special occasions and gatherings of any size. Under the management of Valor Hospitality Partners, the new Lodge operates with a focused commitment to the sustainability and preservation of the coastline, environment, wildlife and fauna of the Park and the region.

## Auburn University

In a move that strengthens the educational and economic development resources for the citizens of South Alabama and the Gulf Coast, Auburn University launched a new educational complex in Gulf Shores. The 24,000-square-foot Auburn University Educational Complex will offer veterinary care, aviation instruction, research administration and Alabama Extension support for that region, delivering a tangible value to the state of Alabama while providing the community access to Auburn's pioneering research and innovative faculty. The centerpiece of the complex will be the Auburn Veterinary Specialists-Gulf Shores veterinary referral center.

"At Auburn, we seize every opportunity to fulfill our land-grant mission," said Auburn University President

Steven Leath. "This outstanding facility affords more Alabamians access to Auburn's world-renowned faculty, innovations and discoveries, and it expands our capacity for transformational instruction, research and outreach."

## Embassy Suites

Mayor Robert Craft unveiled plans in June for a new luxury hotel and mixed-use development across from the newly renovated Gulf Place public beachfront. The 398,000-square foot project will be anchored by a 229-room Embassy Suites hotel and will include a fine dining restaurant, street front retail and a 23,000-square foot outdoor rooftop featuring a pool, bar, lounge and event terrace. Additional hotel amenities will include nearly 12,000-square foot of conference space including a 7,800-square foot ballroom.

"This is the type of transformative project we envisioned for the beach area when we adopted Vision 2025," said Craft. "We set out to create a pedestrian- and bike-friendly beachfront that would attract new development to boost our shoulder seasons and stimulate local businesses. This project will be the catalyst to drive these initiatives to a new level and a model for future development by obtaining LEED certification and utilizing flood proofing construction techniques." Construction is expected to begin in January and the project

should be completed before the 2020 tourist season.

## Resicum International

Resicum International announced plans to relocate their United States operations to Gulf Shores in June. With a focus on aerospace and defense, Resicum provides government services in aviation maintenance, information services, and maritime services. In their first two years of operations, the company will create new aerospace jobs in Gulf Shores, bringing more than \$1.1 million in new payroll to the area. The company is currently located in an existing hangar facility at Jack Edwards National Airport, with plans underway to construct a new facility in the coming year.

## Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

The long-anticipated construction of the new Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo officially broke ground in March. The project marks the first Zoological Association of America (ZAA) project to be constructed from the ground up in over two decades. The new site is located just 4 miles north of the existing zoo, but will provide a more resilient home for the beloved attraction.

The \$16 million construction project will triple the size of the current zoo to 25 acres which will allow for more space for the zoo's collection of more than 600 animals and will introduce new event venues, on-site dining, expanded retail and educational programs. Construction is expected to be complete by late 2019.

Pictured: Architectural rendering of the 229 room Embassy Suites hotel set for completion in 2021 across from Gulf Place.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### 53rd Annual Orange Beach Fire Department BBQ June 8 Ladies Auxiliary selling desserts inside & outside Fire Station No. 1

The 53rd Annual Orange Beach Fire Department BBQ will take place Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - or until the 'Que runs out - at Fire Station No. 1, behind City Hall. (The original location was the Community Center but had to be moved due to planned construction at the Recreation Center.) The fire department will be selling over 4,000 pounds of pork, as follows: Whole butts for \$40; 5 lb. bag of chopped pork for \$40; 1 lb. bag of chopped pork for \$8

Additionally this year, the department will also have a buffet line set up for those who would like to stay and eat. The buffet line will be set up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with chopped pork, potato salad, and baked beans. One trip through the line will cost \$8. There will be no carry-out plates allowed; it will be eat-in only. Tea and water will be available.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling desserts inside and outside the station. The desserts will include whole cakes, banana pudding and all kinds of other homemade goodies.

The money raised will help provide funds for the Orange Beach Fire Department's public education program and other fire and life safety equipment.

For more information, call 251-981-6166.

### Bon Secour's St. Peter's hosts June 6 fish-fry

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host an old fashioned fish-fry on the first Thursday of June, August, September and October every month in Bon Secour from 5-7 p.m. The next feast is June 6. Fried fish plates includes sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert for \$10. Eat in or take out. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County Rd. 10 & County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or [stpetersbonsecour@diocgc.com](mailto:stpetersbonsecour@diocgc.com).

### WED, MAY 22

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- West Coast Swing Dance: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Friends: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- Magnolia Springs Garden Club: 10; 4th Wed. Oct - May; Magnolia Springs Community Hall; guests & new members are always welcome!
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-



### Marketplace, Music & Movie Fridays thru June 14 at Foley's Heritage Park

Heritage Park Marketplace will again come alive with vendors offering a wide variety of art and crafts, produce and food. Enjoy a walk in our lovely, historic Heritage Park and visit vendors showcasing arts and crafts, flowers, baked goods, produce, polymer clay fine art, paintings, books, games and many other items. The popular Foley event kicks off at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17 and continues each Friday through June 14. The marketplace will operate from 4:30 - 7:30. Music and a Movie will feature live entertainment beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at dusk.

"Folks are encouraged to come early and bring their lawn chairs or blankets and get comfortable for an afternoon and evening of fun and free entertainment", said Beverly Manley, event planner with the city of Foley. Movie dates include May 24 and 31 and June 7 and 14.

Each week, live entertainment will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a family-friendly movie presented on a large inflatable screen. The fantastic Baldwin Pops will play on May 24. Other entertainers include The Bitter End, Shelby Brown of the "Voice" and local favorite Bobby Solberg.

Admission to the Heritage Park Marketplace and Music and a Movie is always free. Concessions will be available for purchase on site including delicious desserts from Sweet Rolls. "We love to see families playing together and friends gathering to enjoy music, a little shopping, tasty food and a relaxed evening with a movie under the stars," said Manley. This family-oriented event is presented each year by the city of Foley and generously supported by the community. Heritage Park is located at the intersection of Ala. 59 and U.S. 98 in Foley. For a complete movie and entertainment schedule or to become a vendor, please contact Beverly Manley at 251-943-1300, [bmanley@cityoffoley.org](mailto:bmanley@cityoffoley.org) or visit [visitfoley.org](http://visitfoley.org)

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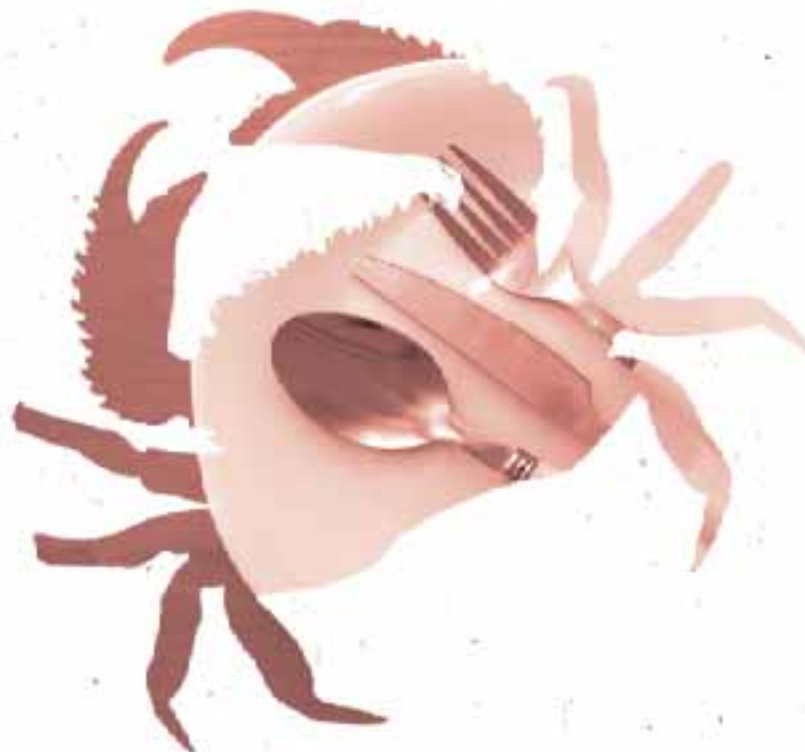


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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Pat Crumby Dance May 27 (Memorial Day) in Loxley

Well known entertainers John Brust & Dave McCormick (pictured) will keep dancers dancing on Memorial Day at the Loxley Civic Center from 2-5 p.m. during the annual Pat Crumby Dance event. The Summer Holiday Dances were started several years ago by Ms. Crumby and Ms. Denise Blanda has continued to help host the events. The season kicks off with the Memorial Day Dance on May 27. Admission is \$10 - cash or check at the door. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own beverage and snacks.

The fun continues through the summer. The July 4th Dance will feature music by Roger & Elaine Beasley and the Labor Day Dance will have vocals, keyboard & guitar selections by JR Owen and Thom Oglesby.

All three dances are scheduled at the Loxley Civic Center, 4198 Municipal Park Drive, Loxley, AL. It's a great way to keep cool and celebrate while dancing! For more information, please contact Denise Blanda 251-370-7186.



**ORANGE BEACH GARDEN CLUB YARDS OF THE MONTH:** The Orange Beach Garden Club has found true gardeners at 5265 Washington Blvd for the May Residential Yard of the Month award. Shown above are owners Brett and Rebecca Zerby, with OBGC member Paula Revis. The Zerbys have put much thought and effort into every bed. They have used both plants and yard decorations to make their statement. Like all gardeners, they struggle with choosing the right plants and trying to make them happy with just the right sunshine, drainage, nutrients, and water. This couple even leaves the natives plants as much as possible. All their work is a true labor of love. The OBGC found its Commercial Yard of the Month for May at Shoalwater Condominium, located at 24720 Perdido Boulevard. Shown below are the property manager, Julie Thompson (left), and garden club member, Paula Revis. Shoalwater has their landscaping maintained by Kutter's Landscaping. Thank you, Shoalwater, for showing off the beautiful colors of spring.



- 2762.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
  - Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
  - Grief Support Group: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
  - Food Bank: 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
  - Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
  - Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
  - Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
  - Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
  - Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
  - AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### THU, MAY 23

- NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Gulf Shores Sportsplex; 19025 Oak Rd. W.
- Luau Theme Cabaret Dance: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; Members: \$5 Guest: \$9; James P. Nix Center, Fairhope, 251-928-2835.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great

- prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: Gulf Shores Sportsplex (19025 Oak Road W.)
- Pepsi Ball Drop: 5-9 p.m.; The Wharf, 23101 Canal Road, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- Greg Lyon: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- DJ/Karaoke with LiL BoB: 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.24
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- James Adkins: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County: 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9

- a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club: 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- Bingo: Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, MAY 24

- NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Gulf Shores Sportsplex; 19025 Oak Rd. W.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: Gulf Shores Sportsplex (19025 Oak Road W.)
- Pepsi Ball Drop: 5-9 p.m.; The Wharf, 23101 Canal Road, Orange Beach.
- Music & A Movie: 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Heritage Park Gazebo; downtown Foley.
- Roadside Glorius: 6; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 9 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Matt Bush & Vickie: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Neil Dover: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Soul Food Junkies: 6:30, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Heritage Park Marketplace: 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Heritage Park; downtown Foley.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key



### G.S. Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary supports Pilots For Christ

By Katie Kipp

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores once again presented Pilots For Christ a check for \$500 to help offset the non-profit charity's expenses, on Sat. The Auxiliary sets up numerous fundraisers throughout the year, including Sip N Paint classes, to fund the donation. Pilots for Christ flies time critical patients to destinations at no charge.

On Memorial Day weekend, the Eagles will be grilling up German sausages and burgers. Hamburgers and sausages are \$5, and food will be ready at noon. For more info, call 251-971-4549. The Eagles are located at 3859 Gulf Shores Pkwy., Unit #6 (north end of Cactus Cantina Gulf Shores.)

Pictured: Madam Secretary, Katie Kipp; Madam Chaplain, June Walosz; Pilots For Christ, Rosalyn Sales; Madam President, LaRae Norris; State Madam President, Lawanna Stacey of Huntsville; and Sandy Paonessa.



### O.B. Wildlife Center needs pics for use in its 2020 calendar

The Orange Beach Wildlife Calendars is accepting photo in jpeg for for consideration in its 2020 calendar. The entry deadline is June 20 and photos must be of local wildlife. Email submissions to mvinson@orangebachal.gov. No more than five entries per person.

All proceeds from the calendar, which sells for \$20, benefit the Orange Beach Wildlife Center and aids in furthering their mission of the protection and preservation of wildlife through management, rescue, rehabilitation and education.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Pleasure Isle's Sports Commission receives major industry honors Michelle Russ earns prestigious Game Changer Award

Michelle Russ, director of sales for Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission, received the Game Changer Award and was the only female finalist for this prestigious honor presented by the Sports Events & Tourism Association at its 27th annual NASC Symposium in Knoxville.



Also during the symposium, The Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission was named Sports Tourism Organization of the Year (under 500,000 population), and Ashley Wilson, sales manager for the Sports Commission, earned her Certified Sports Events Executive designation.

"Proud doesn't begin to describe how I feel for Michelle and our Sports Commission," said Herb Malone, president and CEO for Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism. "Michelle makes an impact day in and day out at the office, in the community, in the sports tourism world and at home. I'm grateful to work with an amazing group of women making major strides in the male-dominated sports industry. Our Sports Commission works tirelessly to bring events to Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, which has greatly contributed to growing our shoulder seasons to help stabilize a year-round economy."

In 2018, Russ and the Sports Commission secured 155 events resulting in 114,786 room nights and \$118 million in economic impact for the cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. Also, the Game Changer was responsible for developing the Sports Commission's Annual Sponsorship Program to engage local businesses by giving them the opportunity for sports tourism buy-in and to create a revenue stream for the commission to enhance and grow events.

The Sports ETA judges noted in the rigorous selection process for Sports Tourism Organization of the Year, the coastal commission stood out among steep competition.

"The work they have done to bring in great events, both large and small, has had a tremendous impact on the community," the judging panel stated. "It is clear they are doing big things in their community."

For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama's Gulf Coast, visit GulfShores.com / Sports or call 1-800-745-SAND.

**Pictured:** The Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission won three prestigious honors at the 27th Annual NASC Symposium: Michelle Russ, director of sales for the Sports Commission, received the Game Changer Award; the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission was named Sports Tourism Organization of the Year (under 500,000 population); and Ashley Wilson, sales manager for the Sports Commission, received her Certified Sports Events Executive designation.



### June 8 is Free Fishing Day for everybody in Alabama

On Saturday, June 8, Alabamians and visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day is part of National Free Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 1-9. Free Fishing Day allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing opportunities Alabama has to offer without having to purchase a fishing license.

The fishing license exemption on Free Fishing Day does not affect some lakes and piers that may still require fees and permits. Fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Anglers can visit [www.outdooralabama.com/fishing](http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing) to find a great fishing spot for Free Fishing Day.

"Free Fishing Day is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Nick Nichols, Fisheries Section Chief for the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

Dr., Perdido Key.  
• Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.  
• Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.  
• Scott Koehn: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.  
• John Lee Sanders: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
• Webb Dalton 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.  
• Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.  
• Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.  
• Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
• Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.  
• Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.  
• Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.  
• Alcoholics Anonymous: noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

### SAT, MAY 25

• OWA Memorial Weekend Fireworks: 8:45 p.m.; downtown OWA, Foley, 251-923-2111 or [visitowa.com](http://visitowa.com).  
• NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Gulf Shores Sportsplex; 19025 Oak Rd. W.  
• Living History Memorial Day Tribute: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Fort Morgan Historic Site; 110 Highway 180, Gulf Shores.  
• LuLuPalooza: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's (200 E. 25th Ave., Gulf Shores).  
• NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: Gulf Shores Sportsplex (19025 Oak Road W.)  
• El Dub: 6; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.  
• JoJo Pres: 9; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf, Orange Beach.  
• Thomas Rhett with Special Guests Dustin Lynch, Russell Dickerson and Rhett Akins: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.

• Youth Phinman Triathlon: Bodenhamer Recreation Center; Gulf Shores, 251-968-9819.  
• Memorial Day Weekend Fireworks: 7; OWA, Foley.  
• The Defrosters: 9 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.  
• Cory Reznor: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.  
• KAT: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.  
• Lefty Collins: 6:30, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.  
• Open Jukebox: 9; The Office, Foley.  
• Big Muddy: 5; Pirates Cove, Josephine.  
• Southern Star: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
• The Favorites Band: 3; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.  
• The Kelly Poole Band: 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.  
• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• Thomas Rhett with Dustin Lynch, Russell Dickerson and Rhett Akins: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.  
• Hippy Jim: 11, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.  
• Damian Lamb: 5, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.  
• Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.  
• City Rhythm Big Band: 7; Loxley Civic Center; 4198 Municipal Park Dr., Loxley.  
• John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
• Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.  
• Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.  
• Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
• Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.  
• Crazy George: 9; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.  
• Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620. Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their story.  
• AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-



### Birmingham legends Telluride at Flora-Bama May 24

Telluride, a band of stellar musicians that founding member Rick Carter says was one of the first bands to tote drums with them into the Flora-Bama, will be back at the iconic roadhouse on the state line for a one-off concert on Friday, May 24 from 6 - 10 p.m. in the 'Bama Big Tent.

"We started at the Flora-Bama in '90 or '91," Carter said. "And I've played at the Flora-Bama every year since 1991. That's a long time."

Carter will be joined by other original members Robert Churchill, Moose Harrell and Roger Bailey at the 'Bama. Bass player Joe Breckenridge will be the newbie on stage, having joined the band in 1986.

"It's fun for us to play together as musicians, but the interesting thing is after so many years it has become like a class reunion for our fans," Carter said. "Especially at the 'Bama, people come from all over the south. It's a pretty big get-together."

Telluride's self-titled debut was released during the 1980 Christmas season and spawned the still requested hit, 'Birmingham Tonight.' In 1985, the band was selected one of the top three bands in the country by Miller Brewing. That led to a contract with RCA records and the single 'Breaking Away,' which Billboard termed "Alabama's answer to Bob Seeger."

**Pictured:** Telluride at Flora-Bama during a past Memorial Day Weekend.

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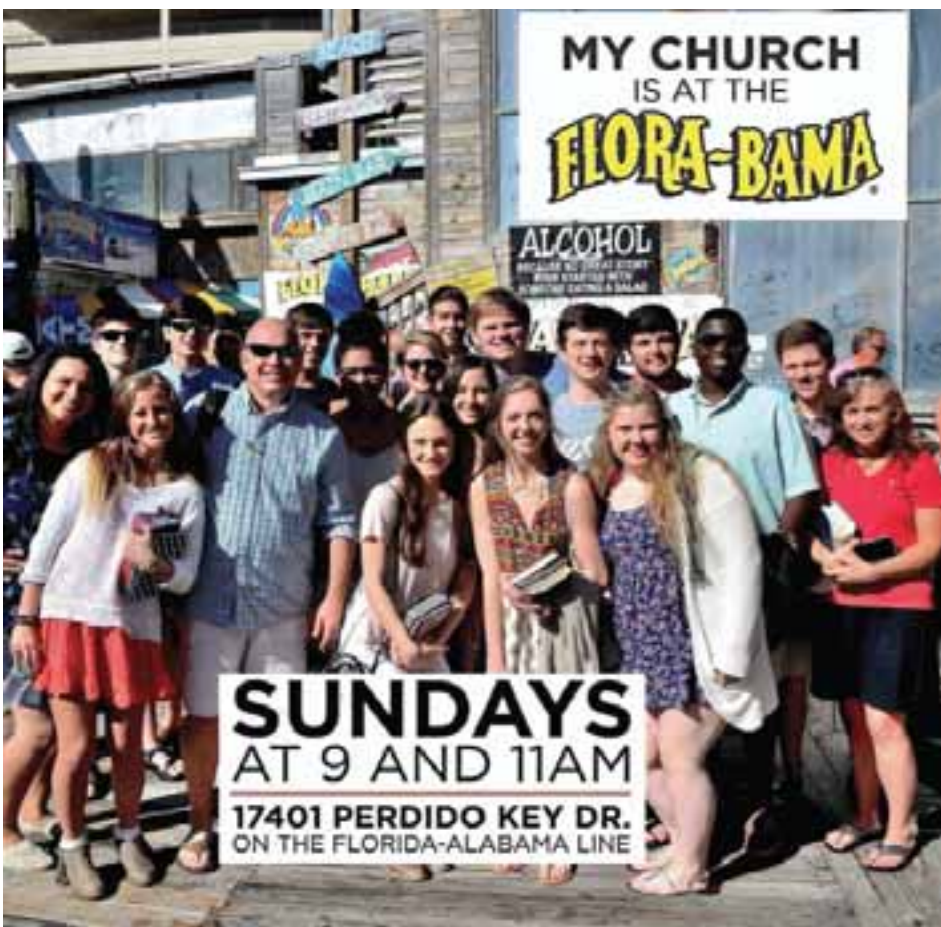
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Flora-Bama Family Fishing Rodeo starts May 31 No boat required for this annual "everyman" tourney

No boat is required for the Flora-Bama Fishing Rodeo. Now in its 6th year this family fun rodeo is promoted as an 'everyman' tournament with prizes galore, three deep, in over 28 categories from game fish to pin fish to blue crabs.

Registration is \$25 for kids under 13 and \$50 for adults with all kids entered automatically going into drawing for a 14' boat, trailer and motor. A portion of proceeds go to Operation ReConnect, a non-profit re-uniting returning combat vets and their families with a beach vacation upon return from deployment. Tickets may be purchased online at [fishflorabama.com](http://fishflorabama.com).

The Mario Mena Band kicks off festivities on Thursday, May 30 at 5 p.m. at the Flora-Bama Yacht Club. A captain's meeting follows at 6 p.m. for competitive cash categories in Red Snapper, Speckled Trout, King Mackerel and the offshore Grand Slam of Tuna, Mahi-Mahi, Wahoo, & Swordfish. An additional competitive category is a Trash Can Slam of Lady Fish, Bluefish, and Gaff Top Sail Catfish in both adult and junior divisions.

The public invited to the dog-friendly beaches at the Flora-Bama Yacht Club and Ole River Grill for a crawfish boil by Rouses and weigh-ins from noon til 7 p.m. on May 31 and June 1. Featured live music includes Sam Glass at 11 a.m. and Mel Knapp at 3 p.m. on Friday, and Mason Henderson at 11 a.m. and Tony Brook at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Rouses will host a crawfish eating ontest at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Awards ceremony to be held at the Flora-Bama Yacht Club on June 2 from 3-5 p.m., with music from Ryan Dyer at 6 p.m.

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Pictured: Fishing fun at the 2018 rodeo.



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- Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## SUN, MAY 26

- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: noon; St. Thomas By The Sea Chapel; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Thomas Rhett with Special Guests Dustin Lynch, Russell Dickerson and Rhett Akins: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Har-

poon 2, Orange Beach.

- Kelly & The Kooks: 3; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- Greg Brown: noon; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- Jessie Howell: 11; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Birthday Bash Potluck Dinner: 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck;

American Legion Post 99, Foley.

- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

## MON, MAY 27

- Memorial Day Service at Miller Memorial Cemetery: 10; Ft. Morgan Rd.; open house reception to follow at American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Keeks Who Drink Trivia: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Soul Food Junkies: 11; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.



## Gulf Shores Swim Team places 5th at Flip Flop Invitational

The Gulf Shores Swim Team attended the Flip Flop Invitational Long Course swim meet held at the University of West Florida Aquatic Center on May 4-5. Gulf Shores finished in 5th place at the 10-team kick-off for the summer long course season.

There were 20 new team records broken or established at this meet by five of the Gulf Shores Dolphins. Four of the swimmers achieved qualifying times for the Southeastern Swimming Long Course Championship meet. That meet will be held beginning July 18 in Huntsville.

Liam Bickham set 10 club records in the 10 races he entered in the 13-14 Boys Division. He also achieved six qualifying times. Jack Biggs qualified for the Championship meet in eight of the nine races he contested in the 10 and Under Division. 11-year-old Murray Reed set six team records and also qualified in eight of nine races for the 11-12 Boys Division. Layne Reid, age 12, qualified in two events and set a new team record in the 50 meter Breaststroke for his age group. Other record-setters include Ruby Rosnagle who broke team records in the 50 Backstroke and the 100 Butterfly for 15-18 Girls Division. New records were set in the 6 and under age group by Hannah Reid. She set the marks in the 50 Backstroke and the 50 Freestyle.

Gulf Shores Swim Team will return to Pensacola for their next long course meet on June 7-9 at the Tom Lalor Invitational. Meanwhile Gulf Shores Swim Team is also preparing to compete locally in the Gulf Coast Area Aquatics League. Upcoming meets in June for the team include: Fairhope, a relay race only meet, and hosting Foley and Daphne at home.

For further information about the swimming programs offered by the city of Gulf Shores, contact Head Coach Brook Hopkins at 251-968-1427.

Pictured: (l to r) Liam Bickham, Caleb Colvin, Layne Reid.



## SUMMERTIME ART WITH KARAN:

Artist Karan Fox will be teaching visual art classes for children and youth this summer. The first class will be for age 4 through Grade 2 during the week of June 3-7, from 9 am until Noon. The following week, June 10 through 14, the class will be offered to those in Grades 3 through 5. Classes will include Textile Art, Pottery, Culinary Art, Balloon Painting and more. Weather permitting, some class time will be spent outside and snacks will be served. "Summertime with Karan" will take place at The First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores, located at 309 E. 21st Ave. Tuition for the entire week is \$85.; scholarships are available. To register, or for more info. on other classes, call 251-978-8130 or send email to [pamwinstead@gmail.com](mailto:pamwinstead@gmail.com).

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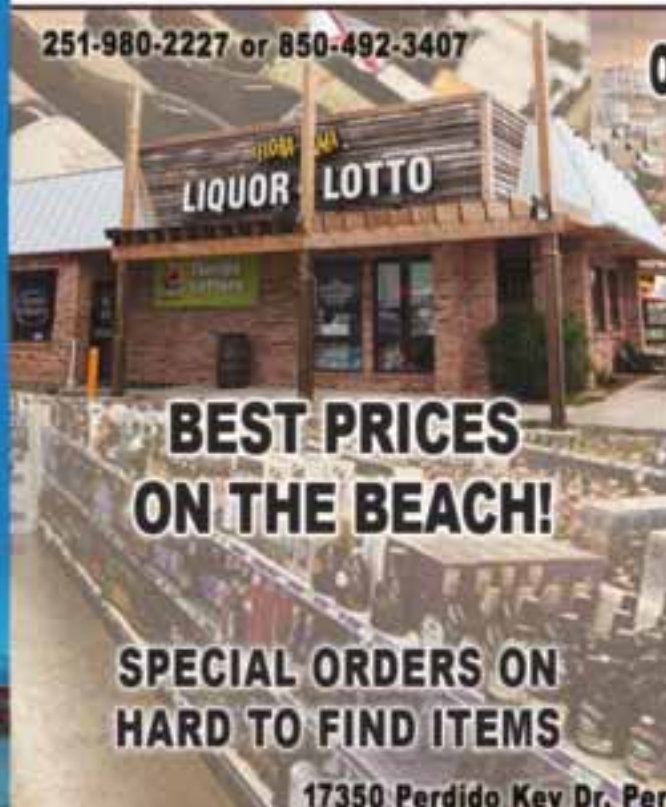
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• Medicine Man: 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.  
• Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; All levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.  
• Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
• 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
• Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hos-

pice Center, Foley.  
• Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.  
• Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner: social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.  
• T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway

59).  
• AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
• AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
• Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, MAY 28

• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.; 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.  
• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
• John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
• Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.

• Ricky Johnson & Company: 4; American Legion Post 99; Foley.  
• Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
• Karaoke (7-9 p.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.  
• Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.  
• Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.  
• JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.

# Orange Beach City Council discusses banning plastic bags

## 17-year-old Cameron Blanchard's report on environmental damage sparks lively discussion

By John Mullen

A report on the environmental damage caused by millions of discarded plastic bags by 17-year-old Cameron Blanchard (pictured) sparked a lively discussion at the May 7 Orange Beach City Council regular session.

The end result was a pledge from the city to study a ban on plastic bags and movement toward elimination of them from city businesses. A bill in the Alabama Senate to prevent city's from banning the bags and other single-use plastic products failed to get out of committee on the same day as the city council meeting.

"They make their way into our oceans where they kill more than 100,000 marine animals each year," Blanchard said. "They can stay in our water from up to 1,000 years. At least eight million of plastics get into our oceans each year and a huge component of this is plastic bags."

Blanchard, who attends St. Michael's Catholic High School in Fairhope first met with officials at the Orange Beach Publix and while finding sympathetic ears couldn't get the grocery giant to agree to a ban.

"I decided to take the problem to the city level," Blanchard told the council.

"I move that the city of Orange Beach ban plastic bags as a whole to help reduce plastic bags in our oceans and in our Gulf and to take on this great environmental issue giving people the necessary time to adapt to the change."

Mayor Tony Kennon and other council members said they would be willing to work with Blanchard and others but first wanted her to study how it could be implemented and asked her to report back to the council with a plan.

"How does it work?" Kennon asked. "If I go to Publix and buy groceries do I carry little bags with me? I need to know how that would work."

Kennon then issued a challenge to Blanchard.

"I love ideas, but I like solutions," Kennon said. "I want you to come back sometime in the near future and tell us how you would institute that."

Kennon said he was interested in learning more about the program.

"I'm all ears and I've got to be educated and from the mayor's perspective the practicality of how you institute it, how do you make it work," Kennon said. "And, how do you deal with 100,000 people who show

up and don't necessarily know they don't have bags. Is there a way to make that pragmatically work? We would love to have your help."

Blanchard said the program could work similarly to the wildly successful Leave Only Footprints program started in 2015 in a joint effort between Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber and Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism.

"When Leave Only Footprints was brought up as an idea my mom said she was very doubtful of its success," Blanchard said. "At first there was resistance but as time went on it worked out and the project has been great. Tourists know what to expect when they come into town now. I think banning plastic bags can and will be just like that."

Councilman Jerry Johnson said that program would be the perfect model to implement a plastic bag ban. After the first year of Leave Only Footprints, Johnson said, people acclimated to the new rules and the cost of labor and the amount of stuff cleaned off the beach daily rapidly declined.

"It's an education process and If we can come up with a marketing plan like we did with Leave Only Footprints and spread it out," Johnson said. "I know if put all our heads together it can be another success like Leave Only Footprints."

Blanchard cited efforts by several cities to slowly implement the ban, some taking as much as 18 months for the ban to full take effect.

After the meeting, Blanchard met with City Administrator Ken Grimes to set up an internship for her this summer to work on crafting how an Orange Beach plastics ban would work.

"My goal during the internship is to establish a concrete plan of action toward an ordinance that would be specific to Orange Beach for banning plastic bags at point-of-sale city-wide," she said. "Mayor Kennon doesn't want us to mimic other cities who have done this; he wants an ordinance that is unique to the city of Orange Beach, and I completely agree with him. I would hopefully be able to help draft a brand-new ordinance and find specific ways we can implement it. A lot of preparation has to be done before the ordinance can pass, but my aim is to have this all done while I'm still a kid, as I turn 18 next February."

During regular session, the council also:

• OK'd performance contracts with Orange Beach Education Foundation the Makos Academics, Arts & Athletics Club. The groups will apply to the council for funds as needed.

• OK'd a resolution giving \$100,000 to the Orange Beach Education Foundation and \$75,000 to MAAAC. During the discussion of the education funding, Wharf General Manager Jim Bibby announced he'd just received a text from Wharf owner Art Favre donating \$30,000 cash and \$20,000 in in-kind services to the groups.

• Heard the first reading of an ordinance to raise the mayor's salary to \$75,000, the mayor pro tem's salary to \$19,750 and council member's salaries to \$18,000. The new ordinance also says they will be paid bi-weekly.

• OK'd a contract with Burk-Kleinpeter for professional engineering design and construction inspection services for the widening of Callaway Drive for about \$24,000.

• Approved a liquor license application for Eddie Boy's Franco's for Ole Franco's Italian Restaurant in the Walmart shopping center.

• Approved a special events liquor license for Event Concessions for Orange Beach Powerboat Week at The Wharf May30-June 1.

• OK'd a resolution to spend \$5,000 for an animal shelter needs assessment study and conceptual design in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Gulf Shores, Foley and Baldwin County are all contributing \$5,000 for the study. The council also heard a report from Animal Control Officer Tom Conorly who said the Trap, Neuter, Return program is approaching 400 felines that have been neutered with the program. He said other cities have reached out to Orange Beach for help starting their own programs including Gulf Shores and Foley.

• OK'd a resolution authorizing the execution of a clinical site agreement with the USA Health Division of the University of South Alabama for a paramedic and resident physician program.

• OK'd a resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the mayor and city clerk to dispose of such property on govdeals.com

• Approved a change order of \$1,250 for the shoreline stabilization project near the art center to upgrade to two-by-six treated lumber. The change brings the total for the project to just under \$66,000.

During the work session, Council also:

• A resolution declaring radios owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing donation to Dale County Sheriff's Office.

• A resolution appointing Sherry Brandler to the Library Board. She will replace Suzanne Laurier who is resigning effective in July.

• Renewal of waste removal franchise agreements with eight different companies and the renewal of taxi franchise agreements with nine different companies.



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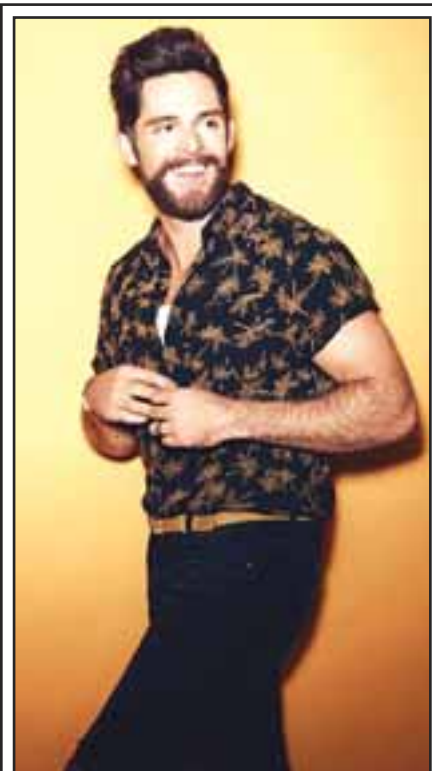
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- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- South Baldwin Republican Women: Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Sonora Masonic Lodge: 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Al-Anon: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### WED, MAY 29

• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

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## Tickets still available for May 25-26 Thomas Rhett shows at The Wharf

Tickets are still available for both Thomas Rhett concerts Memorial Weekend at The Wharf Amphitheater at The Wharf.

Russell Dickerson, Dustin Lynch and Rhett Akins will be joining Rhett for both the May 25 and May 26 7 p.m. shows.

For more info, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or call 800-745-3000 or buy directly from The Wharf Box Office.

Rhett is also preparing to release his upcoming fourth studio album, *Center Point Road*, on May 31. The album is named for the street in his Tennessee hometown that shaped and influenced much of his life experiences. He recently won the 2019 ACM Male Artist of the Year and introduced his new single "Look What God Gave Her" on Saturday Night Live.

"Look What God Gave Her" has already earned the highest chart debut of Thomas Rhett's career. His previous album, *Life Changes*, spawned a 2018 Grammy nomination for Best Country Album and has been streamed more than one billion times, delivering a slew of RIAA-certified platinum chart-toppers, bringing Thomas Rhett's No. One tally to 12.

Rhett was named country radio's most played artist of 2018, following a CMA Triple Play award for penning three No. One songs within a 12-month period ("Die A Happy Man," "Star of the Show" and "Michael Ray's (Think A Little Less)"), adding to his collection of trophies from the Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music, Billboard Music Awards, CMT Music Awards and more.

His Very Hot Summer Tour kicked off May 17 in Spokane and will be visiting 40 stops across the nation. For more information on new music and upcoming tour dates, visit [thomasrhett.com](http://thomasrhett.com).



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### Baldwin Memorial Day Flag Relay honors fallen heros

For the past nine years, runners have escorted flags in Baldwin County on Memorial Day as part of a flag relay to honor its fallen heroes. And this year will be no exception, said organizer Elizabeth York.

"This is a day to reflect on the fact that we will never forget," York said.

Two groups of runners with police escorts will start simultaneously in Daphne and Foley and move South, handing off the flags every three miles to the next group of runners. The Daphne group will end in Foley. The Foley group will end in Orange Beach. The relay will total about 47 miles.

Additionally, signs will be placed along the route to honor fallen servicemembers. The signs will contain a picture, name and date deceased of the hero. Following the run, the signs will be collected and redistributed accordingly.

For more information about how to participate or sponsor, contact York at 251-533-1323 or 251-979-4804 or go to facebook.

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- Open Mic: 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- John Joiner & Friends: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Grief Support Group: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135.
- Food Bank: 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Or-

ange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.

- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### THU, MAY 30

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Skyline Kings: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Greg Brown: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6:30; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Nick Andrews: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County: 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores / Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club: 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- Bingo: Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, MAY 31

- Summertime Theater Presents Forever Plaid; 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theater; 2022 West 2nd Street, Gulf Shores; 251- 968-6721.

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**LES DIVELEY, 12/15/47-3/15/19**  
Husband, father, grandfather, and ex-co, Green Bay Packers shareholder passed away on March 15, 2019. He was 71.



Les would have hated that we as it may have provided the facts, but it did tell the story. It should have started instead with JoAnne Diveley (Baker), the love of his life. Les was in awe of JoAnne, because he didn't get enough of her. Les & JoAnne celebrated 30 yrs of marriage in February. Les grew up as an only child in Milwaukee, dreaming of a full house. Les & JoAnne had 4 daughters - Sheryl Kelly, Dena & Uncy, and filled their childhoods with love. There could be no better Dad. Much could be said of Les's achievements in the advertising industry, from Galtner to Simmons, Durham & Ross, to the merger with Arnold Worldwide. While he enjoyed promoting Jack Daniels & Farley Candy Bars, Les was happy to retire in 2005 and move to Sun Lakes, AZ. Because the best was yet to come. For the past 13 yrs, Les has been living in paradise with JoAnne. Les & JoAnne also enjoyed their condo, Summer House 8C14 in his beloved Orange Beach, taking in the white sands, blue sea and del cious Royal Rads. But what Les loved most was this family. His daughters: in Oakland Sheryl with husband, Bob Modil; and daughters Annabelle & Zoey; Kelly with husband, Brandon Correia; Dena with husband Brian Muldoon, and son Gannon & daughter Charlie in Phoenix, and Uncy in Durham, NC. Celebrate Les whenever you raise a glass of Lynchburg Lemonade, and toast the great Les Diveley. **LES IS MORE.**

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

#### By CAROLYN GODFREY

##### Fluffy Key Lime Pie

1/4 cup boiling water

1 pkg. (0.3 oz.) sugar-free lime gelatin

2 cartons (6 oz. each) Key lime yogurt

1 carton (8 oz.) frozen fat-free whipped topping, thawed

1 reduced-fat graham cracker crust (6 oz.)

In a large bowl, add boiling water to gelatin; stir 2 min. to completely dissolve. Whisk in yogurt. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into crust. Refrigerate, covered, until set, about 2 hours. 8 servings.

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##### Asiago Mashed Cauliflower

1 medium head cauliflower, cut into 1-in. pieces

1 tsp. sea salt, divided

4 oz. cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup shredded Asiago cheese

2 Tbsp. unsalted butter

2 Tbsp. coarsely chopped fresh parsley

1/4 tsp. pepper

Place cauliflower and 1/2 tsp. sea salt in a large saucepan; add water to cover. Bring to a boil. Cook covered, until very tender, 12-15 min. Drain; cool slightly. Transfer to a food processor. Add the cream cheese, butter, parsley, pepper and remaining sea salt. Process until blended. Yield: 4 servings.

Enjoy!



**GSMS ART STUDENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED:** Bayside Baptist Church, Lillian, provided Teachers and Staff at Elberta High School and Elberta Elementary School cookies and delivered them on Wednesday, May 15. These gifts were to honor about 160 teachers and staff, for Teacher / Staff Appreciation Day, to include Administration, teachers, office staff, cafeteria workers, custodians, SROs, and bus drivers!! The cookies were packaged with a note recognizing the teachers and staff for all they do for the students. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to educate young people. Bayside Baptist is committed to keeping the students and staff in our prayers for the coming year. Pictured: Left to right: Sharon Davis, Elberta Elementary School Secretary, Crystal Gregg, Rochelle Brooks, Tom Harris, Barbara Harris.

### Finding Old-Time Fiddlers & Tunes topic of June 8 Foley lecture

Joyce Cauthen will bring stories and songs of old-time Alabama to those attending the June 8 Baldwin County Genealogical Society at the Foley Public Library (319 E. Laurel Ave.) at 10 a.m.

Way Down in Alabam': Finding Old-Time Fiddlers & Tunes is the topic of the presentation. In her talk for the Baldwin County Genealogical Society, Cauthen will profile fiddlers from across the state, share their stories, and describe the communities in which they played. She and her husband Jim will perform a tune they learned from each one. Joyce Cauthen is a member of the Road Scholar program and appears with the support of the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Following the presentation, guests are invited to join society members for light refreshments and discussion of research tips and brick walls. More info: [baldwingenealogy.org](http://baldwingenealogy.org).

- Flora-Bama Fishing Rodeo: Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar (17401 Perdido Key Drive, Perdido Key).
- Music & A Movie: Ralph Breaks The Internet: 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Heritage Park Gazebo; downtown Foley.
- Heritage Park Marketplace: 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Heritage Park; downtown Foley.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- Gerry Gambino Duo: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Open Juke Box: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Ryan Balthrop: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Crosstown: 8; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Jam: 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Foley Rotary Club: 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Roadside Glorious back at Big Beach Brewing May 24

New Orleans southern rock and soul band Roadside Glorious, founded by Gulf Shores natives (pictured) Basch Jernigan and Aydan Closson, will return to Big Beach Brewing Company in Gulf Shores on Friday, May 24 from 6-10 p.m.

Roadside Glorious formed in the summer of 2016. But Jernigan and Closson attended Gulf Shores Elementary, Middle, and High School together and played in local band Katawompus during their years at Gulf Shores High School.

"He was the only drummer I wanted to work with," Jernigan said. "He had always been the best drummer I had played with and the one I had the best chemistry with. He's also a great person too, so when you find that combination you don't let it slip away. I have a lot of respect for him as a musician and as a person."

Jernigan met lead guitarist Evan Hall (Belle Chasse) during his senior year at Tulane. Hall then recruited bass guitarist Tyler Self (New Orleans). The band now plays shows around the southeast.

### SAT, JUNE 1

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- 43rd Annual Gulf Coast Mustang and Mega Show: 8 - 5; OWA, Foley.
- Pirates Cove Illuminating Autism FUN-raiser: 11-8; 6600 Hwy 95, Josephine.
- Flora-Bama Fishing Rodeo: Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar (17401 Perdido Key Drive, Perdido Key).
- Summertime Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- LuLu's Art Market w. The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance: 11 a.m.; Gulf Shores.
- Puppies & Pints Fundraiser: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Soul Food Junkies: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- JJ Mack: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

- Beave & Cleave: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Jason Abel Project: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Corn-hole Tournament: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620; Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their

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- Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, JUNE 2

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.; 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: noon; St. Thomas By The Sea Chapel; Orange Beach.
- Pirates Cove Illuminating Autism FUNraiser: 11-8; 6600 Hwy 95, Josephine.
- Flora-Bama Fishing Rodeo: Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar (17401 Perdido Key Drive, Perdido Key).
- Summertime Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 4 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange

Beach.


- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- Damian Lamb: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Lonesome Mel: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Turkey Shoot: sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
- Queen of Hearts: 7:30; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.
- Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### MON, JUNE 3

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.

'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Pirates of Lost Treasure The krewe is a social group which participates in various activities throughout the year, such as Snowbird Meet and Greets, a fish fry for participants of Frank Brown Songwriters Festival, and serving food at the Pirates of Lost Treasure food booth at the Flora Bama Mullet Toss.

The primary mission is supporting their charity organization, Secret Santa, which provides food, clothing, and toys to local families in need, as well as other worthwhile causes during the year.



### McCollough shares secrets of success with scholarship recipients

At the Baldwin County Chapter of the University of Alabama's National Alumni Association's annual scholarship event, Alabama Sports Hall of Fame inductee and Gulf Shores Facial Plastic Surgeon and founder of the McCollough Institute of Appearance and Health, Dr. E. Gaylon McCollough, shared the universal "secrets to success" that his teammates and classmates learned from mentors and winners they chose to emulate as younger men and women. Because he took their advice to heart, McCollough was awarded All-American Academic honors as a college athlete, drafted by the Dallas Cowboys, named to the All-Pro Team of the National Professional Football League of America; then went on to create a world-class appearance and health enhancement center in Birmingham, before relocating a second generation of his practice and clinic to Gulf Shores. The doctor's remarks were based upon his latest book: *Victory In The Game Of Life: A Paul W. Bryant Alumni Athlete's Journey*. Profits from the book are pledged to the University of Alabama's National Alumni Association and the Paul W. Bryant Museum.

Dr. McCollough defines "success" as achievements beyond society's and one's own short-sighted expectations. Including, when one chooses to remain productive beyond the years expected by an age-conscious society. He recognizes individuals, who made a positive impact on the world's stage beyond the traditional retirement age. The group includes: Billy Graham, Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, and George Burns. He emphasizes that he plans to follow the lead of these iconic leaders and personally perform—and teach—facial and nasal surgery for years to come. "Success is about the joy one receives from helping others achieve their dreams, not because one has to; but because one receives fulfillment in doing so," he said. "I take pride in the fact that I continue to perform appearance-enhancing surgery beyond a timeframe expected by society. I choose to abide by my own expectations and barometers of competence."

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He attributes any successes that he enjoyed to mentors who opened his eyes and the doors of opportunity thereunto related when he was in the process of creating the practice and appearance-enhancing techniques that he moved to the Alabama Gulf Coast in 1999.

"I'd like to think that because of this fact, Gulf Shores is becoming known as a center of excellence in appearance enhancing medicine and surgery. And because of my writings and ongoing efforts to encourage other authors to publish books and essays about the Alabama Gulf Coast, more people will come to know about this slice of Paradise that my wife, Susan, and I discovered decades ago."

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Pictured: Dr. McCollough (center) poses with Susan N. McCollough, Jim Bob Horn (University of Alabama's Director of Alumni Engagement), Jonathan King (Creative Director for Alabama Football) and Baldwin County's Melissa and Jessica Baggett.



### Optimist Women Fashion Lunch July 27 at Lillian Com. Center

The women of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the annual Luncheon/Fashion Show on Saturday, July 27 in the Lillian Community Club.

The event will feature the latest in fashions, prizes and homemade dishes provided by the members and their friends.

Cato's in Foley will provide the women's fashions. Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store in Tanger Outlet Mall will dress the men.

Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased from your favorite Optimist or contact Liz Whitehurst, 251-609-0995, or Sally McKinney, 251-961-2620. Doors will open at noon, with the lunch following at 12:30 p.m. Some tickets will be available at the door, but it is suggested that they be purchased in advance to avoid disappointment.

Proceeds from the event help to provide a variety of programs and special events for local children, including scholarships, essay and oratorical contests, and Christmas and Easter parties for children. In addition, members of the club visit the schools weekly to provide math tutoring, mentoring and to read to kindergarten and first grade students.

Pictured: Optimist Jane Foster was one of the models in last year's Fashion Show hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. This year's event will be held on Saturday, July 27 in Lillian Community Club.

- Trivia: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner: social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
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- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### TUE, JUNE 4

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- Summertime Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.



**BRUINS CLAIM NCAA BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:** Negotiations are underway to ensure that the National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championships will remain in Gulf Shores when the current contract expires following the 2022 tourney at Gulf Shores Public Beach. Hosted by the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission, UAB and the City of Gulf Shores, the third NCAA sanctioned tourney drew a record 9,449 fans and a national TV audience to Gulf Shores during the first weekend of May. UCLA defeated Southern Cal to claim its second consecutive championship after Southern Cal claimed the inaugural title in 2018. LSU placed third. Although it has been sanctioned by the NCAA for only three years, the American Volleyball Coaches Association first brought its tourney to Gulf Shores as an NCAA "emerging sport" in 2012. Full coverage from all five courts aired live on ESPN's family of networks. The Bruins swept rival USC, 3-0, to capture their second straight national championship.

Pictured: (Above) The national champion UCLA Bruins celebrating at Gulf Shores Public Beach; (below) Gulf Shores residents Jeff Jackson and Patrick Quinn with UCLA's top team, 5-foot-9 identical twins Megan and Nicole McNamara.







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- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office,

- Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.

- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Din-

- ing Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
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### WED, JUNE 5

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.

## Perdido Beach Resort MAAC Gala raises \$445,000 for Orange Beach kids' programs

By John Mullen

Excitement for the new Orange Beach High School and Middle School spilled out in waves at the Makos Arts, Academics and Athletics Club's fundraising gala May 11 at the Perdido Beach Resort.

"The energy and excitement in the room that night was electric," Executive Director Jenni Starling of MAAAC said. "We hope to take that energy and raise even more money for the kids in our community."

It might be hard to top the \$445,000 announced at the gala. The board of directors raised \$250,000 from contributing sponsors, the City of Orange Beach matched \$165,000 of that amount and \$30,000 was transferred from the former Orange Beach Sports Association's recent seafood fest. But Starling said that wasn't the only thing MAAAC set out to accomplish.

"The goal with the gala was to bring the city together, celebrate the new orange beach middle and high school and welcome the new principals Dr. (Erika) McCoy and Dr. (Robbie) Smith, teachers and coaches," Starling said. "We also wanted to thank our founding spon-

sors who helped us reach our goal in eight short weeks. We feel that we accomplished that."

Also, at the event, the Orange Beach Education Foundation had a silent auction to raise \$13,000 for that group. The foundation is different from MAAAC and each group will have a different focus, Mayor Tony Kennon said.

"The money from MAAAC is academics, arts, athletics," Kennon said. "That will be funding something external to the classroom such as the scholar team going to the scholar bowl. We will be funding that trip. The Education Foundation will be funding intra-classroom and professional development. That's where the two are separated."

Starling said how the MAAAC money is spent will be determined by principals at the schools.

"MAAAC is focused on raising funds to ensure that every child, no matter their interests, are given the foundation to thrive in our new schools," Starling said. "Unlike your typical booster club, MAAAC focuses on the whole child which will allow parents to receive one

ask per year. These dollars will be guided into the schools with the help of Dr. McCoy who will make sure that every cent is spent where it is needed the most."

Starling thanked all the sponsors for making the evening successful especially the staff at Perdido Beach Resort.

Nicole Woerner, Secretary of the Orange Beach, Alabama, Education Foundation. "The Real MVP for the MAAAC Gala is Perdido Beach Resort," Starling said in a social media post.

"The staff is the best of the best. They went above and beyond to make sure Saturday night was a huge success. We are so blessed by this awesome village in Orange Beach."

One of the most unique items in the auction was a German short-haired pointer puppy that went to Ryan Long. And it came with a funny story.

"He basically tagged the puppy and asked his wife for permission before anyone else walked in the door," Foundation Chairman Laura Thomas said. "He got semi permission and I think he cut his phone off at that point. I did see Cindy yesterday and she was smiling and said their boys loved the puppy. The puppy went to a happy home."







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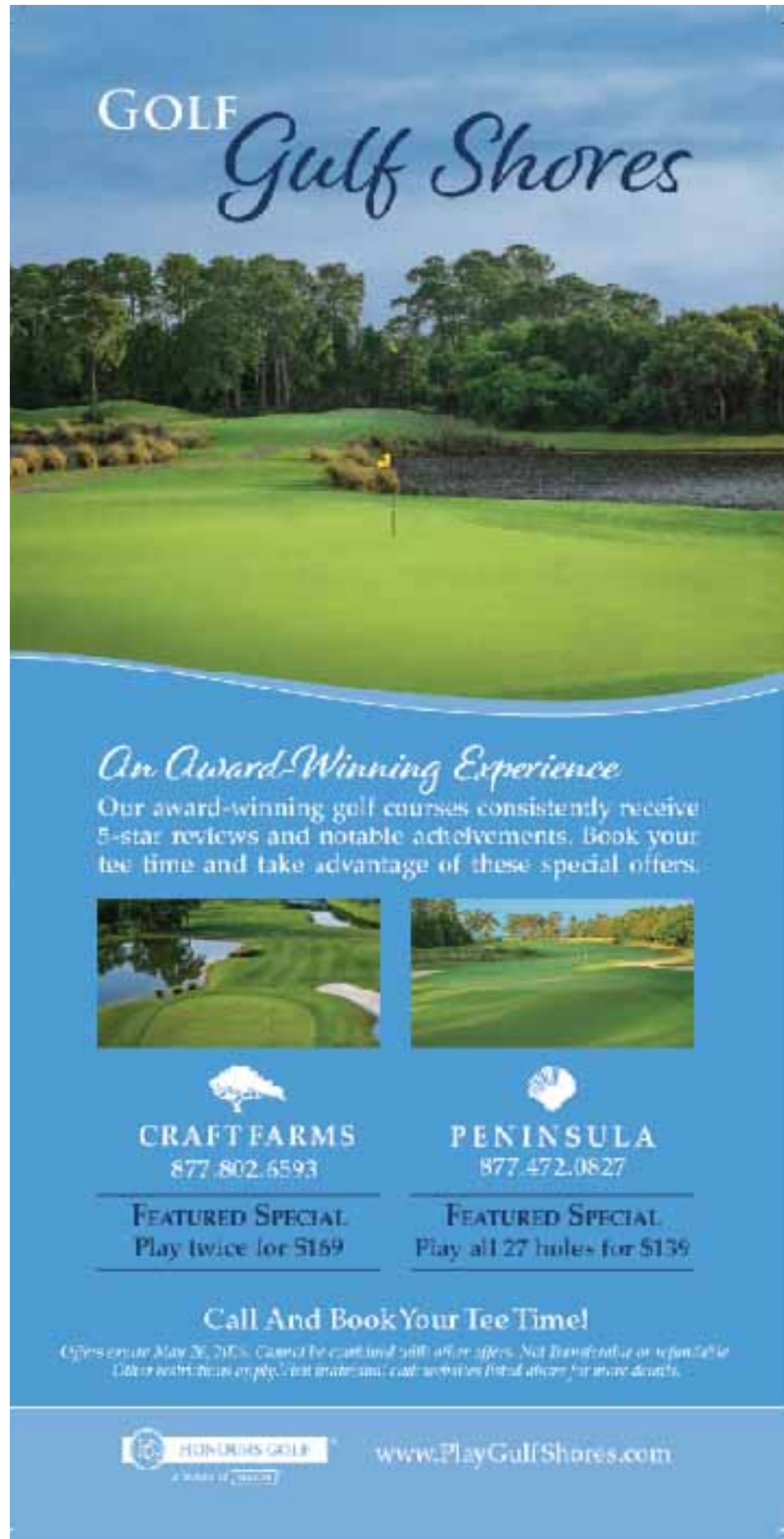
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- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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- NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Gulf Shores Sportsplex; 19025 Oak Rd. W.
  - Luau Theme Cabaret Dance: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; Members: \$5 Guest: \$9; James P. Nix Center, Fairhope, 251-928-2835.
  - Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
  - Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
  - NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship: Gulf Shores Sportsplex (19025 Oak Road W.)
  - Pepsi Ball Drop: 5-9 p.m.; The Wharf, 23101 Canal Road, Orange Beach.
  - John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
  - John Brust: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
  - JJ Mack: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
  - Tim Roberts: 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant;
- Bon Secour.
- Greg Lyon: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
  - DJ/Karaoke with LiL BoB: 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
  - Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
  - Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
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  - James Adkins: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
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  - Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County: 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
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**GSMS ART STUDENTS IN ZYDECO COMPETITION:** Congratulations to the four Gulf Shores Middle School art students who were selected to participate in the first ever Zydeco Crawfish Festival Youth Art Competition. Sophie Carlson received 2nd place for the Middle School division. Pictured: Sophie Carlson, Madison Marshall, Christina Peterson and Madison Rosado.



### Gulf Shores Elementary School April Terrific Kids

Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Elementary School Terrific Kids for April. Students are selected by their homeroom teachers for consistently showing outstanding character traits. Terrific Kids is sponsored by our local Kiwanis Club. (Pictured Left) GSES Kindergarten/Pre-K-3rd grade April 2019 Terrific Kids - Olivia Case, Natalie Hernandez, Sawyer Anglin, Alexander Dedi, Landen Mathews, Everett Bond, Naomi White, Avery McCaleb, Jocee Glosson, Michael Salgado, Arianna Salazar-Balderas (not pictured, Ava Walker), Khloe Peacock, Naevia Parasimenco, Avery Lee McClure, Aaliyah Thomas, Matthew Jenkins, Madeline Cousins, Dashlynn Duke, Pearson "Fisher" Gerald, Milo Graber, Savannah Hall, Aaliyah Bryant (not pictured Teague Bryant), Max Anderson, Scarlett Brenner, Lee Marshall, Lowgan Felkins, Zach Kazman, Audrey Gros, Karsyn Poole. (Pictured Right) GSES 4-6th grade April 2019 Terrific Kids - Fiona Douglas, Lennox Ray, Blakelyn Hebert, Jaiden Cromer, Lauren Lybarger, Paisely Hillman, Emily Sawrey, Prina Petal, Anna Achimon, Jack Langston, Emmie Johnson, Cannon Thompson, Ariana Daily, Madison Hubbard, Tucker Graham, Nevin Claypool, Stephany Rodriguez, Ryleigh Stroup, Bria DeLong.



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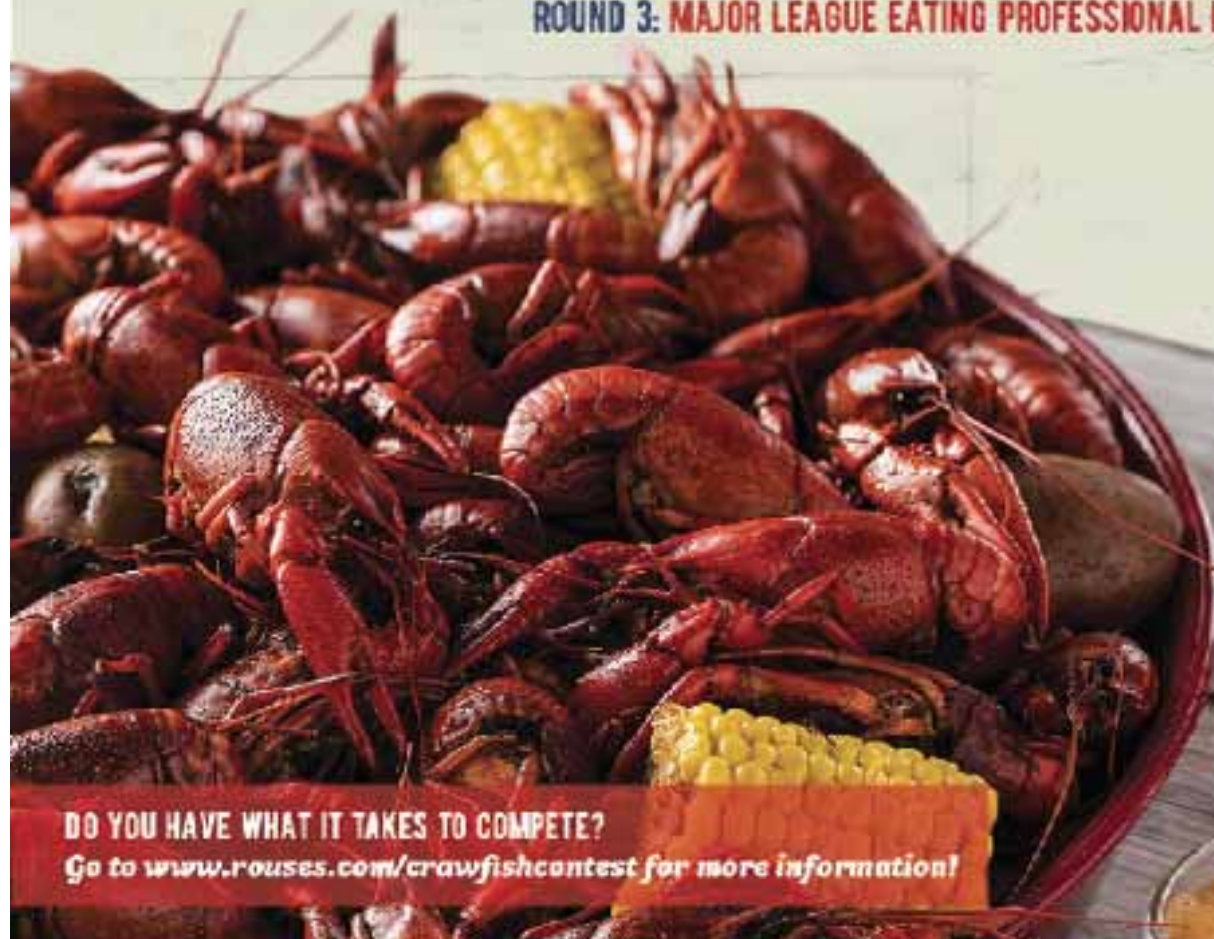


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## AROUND TOWN



**G.S. GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS:** Gulf Shores Garden Club Treasurer Charlotte Higgins and Secretary Sue Foskett were at the Gulf Shores High School Awards Assembly to present \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors Madeline Gracy Rittich-Watts and Autumn Lewis. After a summer hiatus, the GSGC will assume monthly meetings at the Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center on Wednesday, Sept. 4. For more club info, visit [gsgardenclub.com](http://gsgardenclub.com) or facebook.



**GCAA KALEIDOSCOPE FINE ARTS CAMP JUNE 24-28 AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** National and regional teachers, musicians, visual artists and dancers will all come together to create another unique and fun experience at this year's Kaleidoscope Summer Fine Arts Camp on June 24 - June 28. Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance and the First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores, the camp is designed to not only showcase the talents of performing and exhibiting artists, but also to share the journeys which led to their careers in the fine arts arena. Students are able to select class preference for hands-on workshops, while all will enjoy several live professional performances throughout the week, featuring pianist Kayla Dowling, UA SummerTide Theatre cast, storyteller Elizabeth Vander Kamp, violinist Kedra Kinney and more! Daily hands-on classes, taught by professional artists and instructors, will include a choice of several Visual Art, Dance, Writing, Music and Drama/Theater classes. To register for the camp online, visit [gulfoastartsalliance.com](http://gulfoastartsalliance.com), stop by the GCAA Gallery on E. 24th Ave. in Gulf Shores (across from Acme Oyster House), or the First Presbyterian Church on E. 21st Ave. Tuition for the entire week is \$115 per student (\$100 additional siblings); both partial and full scholarships are available. Call 251-978-8130 for more and/or scholarship information. Pictured: Theatre Instructor Karan Fox, pianist Kayla Dowling and Alabama School of Fine Arts junior Megan Williams rehearse students for a performance.



**FOLEY WOMAN'S CLUB:** The Foley Woman's Club's annual May pot luck luncheon was held at the lovely home of Frances Holk-Jones. The lavish display of food brought in by members was astounding. Sue Rich presented a service of officer installation for the 2019-2020 newly elected officers as follows: President, Kelly Barrett; First Vice President, Sylvia Womack; Second Vice President, Joanna James; Recording Secretary, Sheila Morgan; Treasurer, Christine Anglin; Asst. Treasurer, Lora Daniels; Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Mosley; Parliamentarian, Barbara McCamish. The 50/50 pot was won by Linda Ford. Members participated in games led by Kelly Barrett. Thanks to Frances Holk-Jones for her continuing support of the Foley Woman's Club Mad Hatters' event and for inviting the Club to hold their May meeting at her home. Pictured: Frances Holk-Jones and Jean Kimbrough; Newly installed 2019-202 officers.

## Tacky Jacks Summer of Fun begins June 4 in Gulf Shores

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores presents the 7th Annual Summer each Tuesday through Friday during lunch beginning June 4. A monthly schedule of events is online at [tackyjacks.com](http://tackyjacks.com).

Featured will be art classes, a hands on nature series, beach games, and a waterfront oyster bake with live music.

Hands on Habitat, Art al Fresco, Tacky Jacks Beach Games, and Oyster Bake Fridays make up a series of weekly lunch time activities offered at the waterfront venue, located at 240 E 24th Ave in Gulf Shores (251-948-8881).

The Summer of Fun series will feature different events to include regional artists, local organizations, and musicians

Tuesday's Hands on Habitat is a fun and educational hands on nature series presented by Gulf State Park Nature Center, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Share the Beach, Orange Beach Wildlife Center, Birmingham Audubon, Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism and Sustainability, and NUISANCE Group! Kids & adults alike can learn about our ecosystem and interact with the animals that live here. The event is free for all ages from 11am-12pm (arrive 15 minutes early), no RSVP required.

Wednesday's Art al Fresco "A hands on lunch & learn for starving artists of all ages" Create different works of art & crafts. Enjoy free live demo days with a live chainsaw art demonstration with Jeff Wheelock, learn to sculpt with sand with pros from Sand Castle University, get moving with pedal powered spin art. The fee depends on the program.

## Stray Love Foundation Wine & Whiskers Dinner May 29

The Stray Love Foundation's will host its 3rd annual Wine & Whiskers Dinner fundraiser at Jesse's Restaurant (14770 Oak St.) in Magnolia Springs on May 29 at 6 p.m.

The evening will include an outstanding selection of wines by Alabama Crown, five courses of delicious pairings by Chef Rebecca Jordan, a silent auction and raffle. Cost is \$100 per person plus tax and gratuity. Call 251-965-3827 now for reservations. Only 40 seats will be available.



The Magnolia Springs based Stray Love Foundation was founded by director Gayle Guthrie to assist as many stray, injured, abandoned or "left behind" cats and dogs (sometimes other animals) as its resources will allow. The non-profit's volunteers make sure its animals are completely vetted while they do their best to find the perfect home for each. For more info, go to [straylovefoundation.org](http://straylovefoundation.org).

Pictured: One or two cats in need of good homes visit Magnolia Springs Library every Thursday from noon 'til 5 p.m.



**BRUSH FIRE IN GSP:** Gulf Shores Fire & Rescue evacuated businesses in the 600-800 block of Gulf Shores Pkwy. and Luxury RV Park for precaution while they worked to contain a brush fire in Gulf State Park behind Waterville on May 14. Hwy. 135 was also closed in both directions until the fire was under control. The fire burned about 50 acres of mainly sawgrass and black needle rush. Although controlled burns are a regular occurrences in the park, a downed power line may be to blame for this fire.





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## GULF SHORES HIGH VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS WIN NUMEROUS

Students in the Gulf Shores High School visual arts program had a banner award year, earning ribbons in contests that included The Baldwin County High School Art Show, the Night of the Arts Talent Show, the VFW Patriotic National Youth in Art Contest, and the Zydeco Festival Youth in Art Contest. "We always have great years winning awards, but this year at least one of our students has won every award contest we have entered, and we couldn't enter all of the contests this year," said program sponsor Austin Boyd. "As always, I am so proud of our students and the fine arts program at GSHS and I congratulate not just our winners, but everyone in our program, because they contribute to each other in many ways."

GSHS award winning artists included: County Show: Best in Show – Lilliana Betz; Excellence Awards – Addison Bullard, Carlee Spellman, Guiliana

DeSouza and Victoria Williams; Merit Awards – Kylee Kubat and Samantha Higgins; Night of the Arts: Photography: 1st - Jessica Stevens; 2nd - Olivia Callahan; 3rd - Rebecka Hennis; Hon Mention - Anna Koonce & Aelin Roman. Pencil/Marker/Charcoal: 1st - Lilliana Betz; 2nd - Erin Miller; 3rd - Jacob Gibbons; Hon men - Lilliana Betz & Molly Griffin. Painting: 1st - Lilliana Betz; 2nd - Samantha Higgins; 3rd - Guiliana DeSouza; Hon men - Molly Griffin & Jacob Gibbons. Mixed Media: 1st - Guiliana DeSouza; 2nd - Trinity Forrest; 3rd - Guiliana DeSouza; Hon Men - Trinity Telarico. Digital Art: 1st - Carmon Dyken; 2nd - Rebecka Hennis; 3rd - Addison Bullard; Hon Men - Rebecka Hennis. VFW Patriot Youth in Art: 1st Place Local – Lilliana Betz; 3rd Place State & Local – Addison Bullard. Zydeco Festival Youth in Art: Best in Show – Lilliana Betz; 1st Place – Addison Bullard.





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# Alabama's red snapper season will gain stability under Gulf Council's Amendment 50

## Beginning in 2020, the five Gulf states will each have control over its snapper season

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

After a three-year struggle, saltwater anglers are on the cusp of a stable red snapper season with the approval of Amendment 50 by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Amendment 50, which goes into effect in 2020 with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, gives the

**"It's a win for the red snapper stock and a win for the states."**

five Gulf states control over each state's snapper season, and it allows leeway in size and bag limits within certain federal guidelines.

"All of the Gulf states are excited to finally have this solidified and move forward with the management plans for the individual states," said Scott Bannon, Alabama's Marine Resources Director. "It's a win for the red snapper stock and a win for the states."

Bannon said state control of the snapper fishery was

brought before the Council in 2016 to manage the recreational sector, which would have included the private recreational sector and the federal for-hire (charter) sector.

The 2016 and 2017 snapper seasons were painfully short under federal control. As a way to alleviate the impact on anglers and the Gulf Coast economies, the Gulf states were issued an exempted fishing permit (EFP) for the 2018 and 2019 seasons, and states were able to set their seasons under a total allowable catch for each state.

Alabama originally set its 2018 season at 47 days, but near-perfect weather and an increased enthusiasm for catching the state's signature saltwater species forced Marine Resources to reduce the season to 28 days, which ended in an almost perfect catch-to-allocation result.

The way Alabama was able to ensure there was no significant overrun on the quota was through the Red Snapper Reporting System, more commonly known as Snapper Check. The mandatory reporting system allowed Marine Resources to monitor the catch and close the season in response to the larger-than-expected harvest numbers.

The success of the Snapper Check monitoring paved the way for the Council to approve Amendment 50.

"I think the fishery benefits from Amendment 50 because we have the ability, as individual states, of not exceeding our allocation of the quota," Bannon said. "If you look at it from a stock perspective for the Gulf of Mexico and you were managing it as a whole and you had a perfect season, like last year, you had no way to put the season in check. Alabama alone would have consumed nearly half of the entire Gulf allocation if we had fished the whole 47 days. We would have fished it really, really hard, and the amount of fish we would have caught would have been tremendous. As it was, we closed it when we met the number of pounds and showed that we were responsible. I think this is much better for the anglers and the snapper stock. I think the EFP showed the states could come to some decisions about allocations, and that the states could manage

seasons within pretty close tolerances."

Bannon said the Gulf Council faced two challenges with state management of red snapper. First, where do the federal for-hire boats fit into the program? The Council decided to not include the federal for-hire in Amendment 50 and consider other options in the future if conditions change for the federal for-hire boats. Second, what allocations could the five Gulf states live with?

"These allocations were based on different factors like biomass and historical landings," Bannon said. "So, the state directors used the EFP allocations as a starting point for Amendment 50."

"The EFP only allowed us to set the season within our allocation. Under Amendment 50, we received an increase in allocation from 25% to 26.298%, and that increase will be permanent. We also have in Amendment 50 the ability to set size and bag limits within certain parameters. Those are management tools to maximize the benefit for Alabama."

When the initial EFP allocations were proposed, the totals did not equal 100% of the total allowable catch. Bannon said Florida was given the extra 3.78% because they were the final state to apply.

"They amended their EFP to get that extra allocation," Bannon said. "We felt like that extra allocation should be negotiated. In the end, Alabama and Florida split that 3.78% under Amendment 50 because we're the two largest consumers of red snapper. The other states were comfortable with that. It seems to be fair and equitable."

Under the new amendment, each state creates their own plan. Alabama's plan includes a 10% buffer as opposed to the 20% buffer under the federal system. The federal for-hire sector has not exceeded its quota for several years, and its buffer was reduced to 9%.

Alabama's allocation of red snapper for the 2019 private recreational season under the EFP is 1,079,765 pounds. Alabama's allocation for the 2020 season increases to 1,122,661 pounds if the private recreational sector doesn't exceed its quota this year.

Bannon said most red snapper anglers are happy with the upcoming season, and he anticipates there could be some season adjustments when Amendment 50 goes into effect.

"Most of the responses I've received for the 2019 season is they were happy to get the June and July seasons and that the season was spread out enough that if the weather was bad they could go another weekend," he said. "We know we still have concerns from the public that they would like more fishing time during the week. As we move forward in state management, that is always a possibility because we now have the flexibility to set the seasons."

The 2019 season length is tentatively set for 27 days, starting June 1 with three-day weekends (Friday-Sunday) except opening weekend (two days) and July 4 week, which will be four days (Thursday-Sunday). The size limit and bag limit remain the same at two fish per person with a minimum size of 16 inches total length.

Bannon is planning to ask snapper anglers for assistance to keep Alabama's unparalleled artificial reef program at the top. The loss of funding for research in those reef zones will prompt him to ask the Conservation Advisory Board to implement a reef fish endorsement beginning in 2020.

"The reef fish endorsement is set up to help fund some of the research conducted in the reef zones, because we're losing some of the funding used for that research," he said. "The research needs to continue, and we also need funds to support programs like Snapper Check, which we hope to expand into a better program."

"It's designed as a user-based system that applies to the people who are participating in that fishery, including private recreational, charter for-hire and commercial fishermen. Another aspect of it is it defines the user group. It gives us a better idea, especially among private anglers, of how many people are fishing for reef fish off Alabama. That way we can have better directed surveys, which are targeted at people who participate in the fishery instead of just people who have saltwater fishing licenses."

The endorsement fees would be \$10 for private recreational anglers and \$250 for commercial fishermen. The charter for-hire fees would depend on the size of the boat and number of passengers the vessel can carry.

As for Amendment 50, Bannon said Alabama has already shown state management will work. The public is supportive, and he thinks that Secretary Wilbur Ross will quickly approve.

"As I said on the radio the other day, Alabama has 3% of the Gulf coastline and will receive 26.298% of the total allowable catch for the 2020 season and beyond," Bannon said. "I think Amendment 50 is a success for the fishery, and I think it's a success for the states because the states can now manage the seasons, size limits and bag limits that best suit their anglers."

Pictured: Alabama's allowable catch for the 2020 season will be about 1.1 million pounds. Photo by David Rainer





# Alabama private vessel snapper season starts June 1

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

Alabama set its 2019 red snapper season, which is operating under the final year of an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP), for anglers fishing from a private vessel or state-licensed guide boat for three-day weekends (Friday-Sunday) from June 1 through July 28, including Thursday, July 4.

**Fishing from a private vessel or state-licensed guide boat for three-day weekends (Friday-Sunday) from June 1 through July 28, including Thursday, July 4.**

Except for the opening weekend, which begins on a Saturday, weekends are defined as 12:01 a.m. Friday through 11:59 p.m. Sunday. This does not apply to for-hire (charter) boats with federal reef fishing permits. Charter boats will operate under federal regulations in 2019.

The recently approved Amendment 50 (see page 60) shifts red snapper management to the states and allots each state a share of the red snapper quota.

During the 2018 snapper season, the first under the EFP, Alabama

set an optimistic private recreational season of 47 days, mostly on three-day weekends.

However, a renewed enthusiasm for snapper fishing and excellent weather conditions forced Marine Resources to shut down the season after 28 days.

"We will again be evaluating the season as it goes along through Snapper Check," said Scott Bannon, Alabama's Marine Resources Director. "We have the option to add days if we feel it's appropriate, based on the harvest rate."

Of course, that harvest rate will likely be weather-dependent.

"The weather last year was almost ideal throughout the entire red snapper season, and I think that contributed to the increased harvest rates," Bannon said.

Plus, Alabama's unparalleled artificial reef zone provides easy access to anglers who want to catch a limit of two red snapper with a minimum length of 16 inches.

"In the Alabama reef zone, we feel we have a very healthy population of red snapper," Bannon said. "They are relatively accessible, and the size of the fish caught has been larger over the last couple of years. That also lends to reaching our allocation of pounds earlier."

Dr. Bob Shipp, professor emeritus of Marine Sciences at the University of South Alabama, has been studying red snapper off the Alabama Coast for decades, and he's happy to see that the excellent health of the red snapper stock is finally being recognized.

NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Director Dr. Roy Crabtree acknowledged agreed that the red snapper fishery is rebounding at a much faster rate than expected.

"The recovery of red snapper has been very robust," Crabtree said. "There's no evidence that it's not going to continue. It's a remarkable success story."

Shipp applauded Crabtree's confirmation that red

snapper resiliency is far greater than NOAA scientists and their computer models predicted.

"I was delighted to hear Roy say that," Shipp said. "Roy has been aware that the recovery is a lot faster than the models projected. That's good news. I think everybody is on the same page now in terms of the status of the red snapper stocks. The species is very, very healthy. All the testimony we get from Texas all the way to the Keys is that snapper stocks are really strong."

Earlier this year, the U.S. Congress passed the Modern Fish Act, which was lauded by the recreational fishing community. However, the effect of the Modern Fish Act is not yet fully understood.

"There are provisions in the Act for the National Academies of Sciences to study the fisheries management plans," Bannon said. "It also directs the Comptroller General to study the allocations, ensuring they

## New reefs zone will honor Dr. Bob Shipp 8 zones added to what is already largest program in U.S.

Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation Chris Blankenship called his state's artificial reef program the world's best during a dedication ceremony for seven new named nearshore reefs earlier this year.

Blankenship backs up his claim with the facts, including the more than 1,100 square miles of artificial reef habitat, the 15,000 or so artificial reefs and the variety of reef structures that are deployed off the Alabama coast, including ships, barges, bridge rubble and other reefs designed specifically to enhance the marine habitat.

Individuals and organizations who helped make the program the best in the world were honored at the reef dedication ceremony

"I can honestly say that with the artificial reef program in Alabama, there has been more concern about doing the good work, building this habitat and building this fishery we have and a whole lot less concern about who gets the credit," Blankenship said.

The seven new reefs that were named are located in the new nearshore reef zones that were finally approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers last year.

Dr. Robert (Bob) Shipp, professor emeritus at USA, has been studying red snapper off the Alabama coast since 1973 and has been instrumental in the development of the Alabama Artificial Reef Program. Dr. Shipp (pictured) has served more than 20 years on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, including three terms as chair. At last week's ceremony, the Don Kelley North General Permit Area was renamed the Dr. Robert Shipp Reef Zone.

"I think it's just great that Chris and the State of Alabama recognize how valuable the red snapper resource is," Shipp said. "They've done a great job of creating this reef system."

"I will say this - I've said it before - we've got to have state management (for red snapper). If we had state management, we could have a six-month season with a two-fish bag limit, and it wouldn't make a dent in our population."

One of the nearshore zones was named for the contribution of the Alabama Wildlife Federation, which

are utilizing all the appropriate data that may be provided by the states and other entities. It's really an outside look to make sure we're using all the pertinent information to make management decisions.

"There are some pretty tight timelines, so they'll have to quickly develop plans to present to NOAA and the regional fisheries management councils."

Right now, the charter industry in Alabama will remain under federal guidelines, which is fine with Capt. Johnny Greene, who runs the Intimidator out of Orange Beach Marina.

"Last year, we fished about 50 days, and we may get about 60 days this year with the reduction of the buffer because we stayed within our sub-quota for the past three years," Greene said. "The buffer was reduced from 20 percent to about 10 percent. When you get 10 percent more, that is significant, especially at that time of year (tourist season)."

"At the end of the day, it's all about the people on the back of the boat who are really going to benefit from this. For the non-boat-owning public, this is their best avenue to reap the rewards of the expanded season."

helped develop the Alabama Artificial Reef Development Plan. The plan has helped to secure \$35 million in funding for inshore and offshore artificial reef zones.

The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Alabama contributed to reef construction and enhancement after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010 by providing financial and logistical support for artificial reef work both inshore and offshore.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has been a contributor to conservation research in Alabama since 1984 and provided about \$34 million in recent years for the expansion and enhancement to Alabama's artificial reef program.

The Alabama Charter Fishing Association, formerly known as the Orange Beach Fishing Association, actually started the artificial reef work off Alabama long before any other organization.

The Alabama Gulf Coast Reef and Restoration Foundation was created to enhance the diving and fishing opportunities off the Alabama coast with fundraising for the deployment of the 271-foot ship "The LuLu" in 2013 and the 128-foot party boat "Capt. Shirley Brown" in 2015. The foundation also worked with Marine Resources to establish the Poseidon's Playground, where novice divers can gain experience in nearshore waters. The foundation continues to work with Marine Resources to develop plans for additional reef deployments and also works with the dive community to monitor the health of the reefs.





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